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WBZ-TV Features Farm and Trades School on Saturday, June 5, at 12:30 P. M.

Marking the 140th year of her great service to boys, our School will be shown at work in the broad program of activity for which the School is noted.

Our alumnus, Bob Emery, '12, will take you on a tour of the beautiful Thompson's Island campus.

The School Band, currently holding a Division I rating will be featured. The Band (America's First School Band) is observing its 97th anniversary,

We hope you will see this TV program, and that you will ask your friends to tune in, for we know that they will be deeply interested.

#### The Boston Farm School Offering

Third in a series of articles reprinted from paper titled as above, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1859.

#### SWITZERLAND

This small but beautiful country is located near the central part of Europe, and is very remarkable for its sublime scenery. There are but few railroads in Switzerland. The country is so uneven, that they have to make tunnels through the mountains, else the cars could not run but a few miles in any direction. If you should go on the top of a mountain, you could see rivers, farms, houses, and cottages for many miles around.

There are a great many lakes and

waterfalls which begin at the top of a high mountain, and come down roaring and dashing over rocks, and at last come down into a lake. If you should go there, and visit Thun,—which is about twenty-four miles from my native city,—you would see the glaciers glittering like silver in the sun.

The women in Switzerland work on the farm just as well as the men. The markets are not arranged as they are here. The people take all the products of the farms in baskets and stand along the longest and broadest streets.

In my native city, there is a large and tall tower, that was built by the Romans, in which there is a large clock; and, on every quarter of the hour, an image strikes a bell with a hammer; and at every hour, there is another image at the top of the tower, which strikes another bell. In my native city, there is also a large house in which they keep all the cannons; and there are a great many suits of steel armor, and a great many helmets. The river Aar separates my native city. This river flows into the Rhine.

When you go from Thun to Berne, you have to go on an open boat; and there are a good many rocks and islands; and the boatman has to take the utmost care to keep the boat from running on the rocks, because the current is very swift. Once there was a boat going down, and

she ran on a rock, and foundered, and all were drowned.

On one of the lakes there are two steamboats, that run from Thun to Interlachen. The sleds in Switzerland are not made as they are here. Basle is the only place in that country where they use coal. Basle is a very nice place; and it has a great many inhabitants, and a great many hotels to entertain travellers. The boats are not made as they are here; the bow of the boat is just like the stern, and they do not carry sail.

In Solothurn, my native city, there are only two schoolhouses.—one for boys, and one for girls. These schoolhouses are heated by furnaces. The pipes carry the heat all over the schoolhouses. The scholars do not study grammar there; and they only attend to writing, ciphering, reading, and spelling; and they have a place there for gymnastic exercises. All the boys and girls there have to go to school after they are seven years old, and stay there till they are seventeen or eighteen; then they learn some trade.

Frederick Ramseyer.

Farm School, November, 1858

### Faneuil Hall Band Concert

The eighteenth successive Annual Spring Concert of the Band to be given in Faneuil Hall, in Boston, took place there on Sunday, May 2, before an enthusiastic audience of several hundred, composed principally of parents of the boys, alumni, other friends of the band, and a sprinkling of professional musicians and music educators. To say that the concert was a success would be an understatement of magnitude for the performance of the boys was truly outstanding, and a distinct credit to them and to their director, Frank L. Warren.

The concert opened with the perennial favorite, Huff's "Show Boy" March. Then

followed the performance of a diversified program of compositions, including many standard works in addition to solo presentations, novelty and descriptive numbers.

The work of the soloists was very fine, and all received much praise for their interpretation, understanding and musical taste, as they played pieces which they had mastered during the winter months. Six boys were featured.

Hon. Sumner G. Whittier, the Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, was present and brought the greetings of Governor Herter. Lieut.-Gov. Whittier commented upon the glorious history of our 97-year old band and congratulated the boys upon their splendid achievements. He was introduced by Clifton E. Albee.

Howard B. Ellis, '98, was introduced. He has been present at every Faneuil Hall concert, is a past director of our band and has served our school as alumni representative on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Ellis told of his warm interest in the Band, and congratulated the boys for their excellent work and manly appearance. It is always a great pleasure to have Mr. Ellis with us, and we thank him for his warm friendship and interest. He conducted the boys in a spirited march.

Myron A. Pratt '38, was another of those introduced. He is a graduate of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music and has had considerable experience in teaching both privately and in the public schools in New York. He led the band in the Seitz composition "Salutation."

W. Marshall Hall, '27, bandmaster, 26th Division, MNG, was next introduced. On the day preceding the concert many of us had heard W. O. Hall's 26th Division Band in a radio broadcast and the boys were proud to play under his baton as he directed them in a military march.

A group of seventeen, from the Estabrook School of Lebanon, N. H. came

to the concert, accompanied by their principal, Roger L. Holton, '30. Our Headmaster, Mr. Meacham, took pleasure in introducing the group, and after the concert acted as host on a trip to the Island where the visitors were shown about the school and enjoyed the evening meal in our dining room before leaving for their New Hampshire homes.

Our band director, Frank L. Warren, had a busy afternoon as he conducted the concert, introduced guest conductors, and otherwise kept the program moving in a spirited and entertaining manner to the final number, Weldon's rousing march, "Gate City."

The presentation of the F. T. S. 1954 Band was an inspired occasion, and many were heard to comment that the overall performance of the band had never been surpassed, and seldom equalled. The boys appreciate the many kind, congratulatory comments they received, and the praise given them is just the right tonic for future accomplishments. We all deeply appreciate the interest of the hundreds who attended the concert, and the encouragement they gave the boys is most important and heartwarming.

The program, and roster of the 1954 Band follows:

### PROGRAM

MARCH—Show Boy *Huff*

OVERTURE—One Beautiful Day *Hildreth*

NOVELTY—Gyrat *Bennett*

CORNET SOLO—Technician *Endresen*

Teyet Ramar II

SELECTION—Sullivan's Operatic Gems

TROMBONE DUET—The Pals *Barnard*

William H. Dillon Richard A. Ostrander

CLARINET SOLO—Long Long Ago

*Rollinson*

Robert Fabello

TUBA SOLO—Tramp Tramp Tramp

*DeLamater*

Thomas Angelos

DESCRIPTIVE—Guess Conductor *Yoder*

Norman W. Sellevaag, Soloist

NOVELTY

Farm and Trades School Has a Band

OVERTURE—Princess of India *King*

MARCH—Gate City *Weldon*

Star Spangled Banner

### Roster of the Band

#### Clarinets

Daniel W. Dockham

Robert Fabello

John A. Fritz

Barry R. Fuller

Larry E. Garside

Frederick L. Krueger

George D. McPeck

Donald G. Oke

Ronald A. Oke

Harold L. Spurling

#### Basses

Thomas Angelos

William F. James

John E. Lennon, Jr.

Stanton H. Pearson

#### Drums

Gerald L. Briggs

David W. Howard

Donald E. Robicheau

Edward M. Walker

#### Euphoniums

Paul E. Parker

David A. Pulsifer

#### Trombones

Bruce Alexander

William H. Dillon

Alexander D. Marinakis

Richard A. Ostrander

Ralph R. Schofield

Arthur A. Sprague

#### Cornets

James E. Anderson

Loren E. Cain

Malcolm Cameron, Jr.

John W. Cronin

Thomas C. Cronin

Albert K. Ellis

Robert H. Grignon

David E. Leveille

Teyet Ramar, II

Steven R. Wellington

#### Altos

S. Newcomb Graham

James P. LaGrassa

Norman W. Sellevaag

Carleton G. Skinner, Jr.

### A New Game

I recently learned how to play a game called Keyword. It is a good party game for two or four players. Game pieces are colored letters, and the object of the game is to compose words. Points are scored according to the area on the game board where you are able to place your letter men. This game is very popular here, and all those who have learned to play it enjoy it very much.

James P. LaGrassa

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

### Editorial

The Past—Where have we been? In this of a series of articles pertaining to the School and "what makes it tick" we would like to touch on the past with relation to the future. Since all human progress appears to be directly related to the human mind it is entirely pertinent to make an observation on this point.

Man's mind is a complex power, difficult to understand, and full of paradoxes. Men past middle age yearn for the "good old days" and too often say, "It was good enough for me". And yet the same person, which may in fact be typical of all of us, owns or covets every present-day convenience of living.

Our school, like many other similar good works, is not completely free from that paradoxical or contradictory thinking process. This world of ours continues to move forward. We cannot cling to the horse and buggy even though nostalgic thoughts beckon. In this day and age it is usually not too difficult to convince one that a Ford is preferable to a horse and buggy, especially unless other factors complicate the thinking.

In the main our school through its 140 years of glorious history has moved ever onward, a pioneer in many branches of present-day educational processes. There are still many things to be done in the vigorous plans for the future. Subsequent articles in this column will call attention to some of those essential items of progress.

### Topics in Brief

Miss Helen M. Gresty has been actively interested in our school for nearly twenty years and she comes to us several times each year to direct informal dancing parties. She brings with her a group of girls from her church groups in Lynn. The boys had a very enjoyable time on April 22 when Miss Gresty conducted another of her always-happy dancing parties.

The Band, numbering 40, had a very happy experience on April 16, when the boys played for the Taleb Grotto, a Masonic group in Quincy. The boys enjoyed a fine dinner and were then treated to a concert by the Taleb Grotto band, Walter M. Smith, conducting. Later our boys played a concert during which Mr. Smith and Howard B. Ellis, '98, were guest conductors. Mr. Ellis also spoke briefly, telling a little of the history of our 140-year old island school and 97-year old school band. He also introduced to our boys several members of the Grotto band who are F.T. S. alumni.

Our bandmaster, Frank L. Warren, is assistant director of the Taleb Grotto band, and it was largely through his efforts that the concert was arranged. Mr. Warren led the boys in a variety of compositions, and told of many interesting incidents in the history of our school band.

It was a great evening for our boys, who enjoyed themselves immensely as they performed for several hundred Masonic friends in the beautiful Masonic Temple in Quincy.

We appreciate very much the gift of a public address system from Mr. Frank C. Grillo. This is something we have long needed for dancing parties and other indoor purposes. It was put in use almost immediately upon being received. We

wish to add that this gift is but one of many kindnesses to us for which our good friend Mr. Grillo has been responsible. We thank him very much.

We thank Merton P. Ellis, '97, for his gift of framed copies of the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Preamble of the Constitution, as well as issues of late periodicals, all of which were immediately put to use.

Our maintenance department has a new item of equipment, a propane gas soldering unit. Much work that has hitherto been difficult becomes relatively easy with this unit.

The semi-annual inspection of our steam boilers was made on May 6, and everything found to be in good condition. The boilers inspected were the two heating boilers, the laundry boiler and the boiler in the dairy.

Baseball and softball take up the recreation time of the boys to a considerable extent at this time of the year. Our two playing fields are in superb condition, and are being used every day. Teams for the baseball and softball leagues have been organized, and the games take the attention of almost all of the boys.

The boys have entered with their usual enthusiasm upon the annual project of designing and caring for individual flower gardens. The plot of gardens is located on the east side of the front lawn, and it may well be imagined that it is one of the loveliest and most popular places on our island campus during the summer months.

Our paint shop crew has just about completed the painting of the interior of Dormitory B. The boys are very proud of their fine job, and, of course, those who live in the dormitory are delighted with their "new look" rooms.

### The Easter Concert

The Easter Concert was given on Thursday, April 15, and consisted of an Easter play, "Soldiers of the Cross," by Max William Koetter, selections by the choir and congregational singing of two beloved Easter hymns. Our staff member, Mrs. Dockham, assisted with the scripture reading and prayer.

Eight boys made up the cast of the play, "Soldiers of the Cross," and each did an excellent job in portraying his part. The play was based on the gripping and dramatic times of the Crucifixion and Resurrection. It was an earnest, devout and consecrated Easter message, and the performance by the boys will long be remembered as a dramatic masterpiece.

The stage settings, and costuming of the play represented much hard work and effort. The lighting effects were unusually good. Everything contributed to bring home the truth that soldiers of the Cross must never relinquish their fight for everything that is good and true.

The program, cast of the play and names of choir members follows:

#### "SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS"

An Easter Play by Max William Koetter

Scene: A Roman Prison in Jerusalem

Time: Scene I. Morning of the Crucifixion

Scene II. Early Easter Morning

#### THE CAST

Longinus, Roman Centurion

Norman W. Sellevaag

Marcus, Roman Soldier

Loren E. Cain

Silas, whose son was healed by Jesus

Carleton G. Skinner

Three Followers of Jesus

Hanan Larry E. Garside

Simon Steven R. Wellington

Zohar Stanton H. Pearson

Heth, robber and murderer

William H. Dillon

Samuel, Son of Silas Walter E. Grignon

Assisting in the Production

John E. Lennon

David W. Howard

### PROGRAM

Invocation

Mrs. Dockham

Hymn 201

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Choir Selection

The Way of the Cross Leads Home

Easter Play

Soldiers of the Cross

Choir Selection

There is a Green Hill Far Away

Closing Hymn 199

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Benediction

Mrs. Dockham

#### MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR

Bruce Alexander

William F. James

Thomas Angelos

Frederick L. Krueger

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

Joseph S. Lombardo

Daniel W. Dockham

Alexander D. Marinakis

John A. Fritz

Robert H. Grignon

George D. McPeck

Paul E. Parker

### Banquet at Wolfeboro

One of our undergraduates, Robert Fabello, appeared as clarinet soloist for the Annual Banquet of the Amy Cheney Beach Club, in Wolfeboro, N. H., on April 19. The president of the Club, Mrs. Ella Lord Gilbert, is a noted music commentator, historian and teacher, and our readers will correctly surmise that the Club is devoted to the fine arts, and music in particular. Mrs. Gilbert secured the services of Carleton Rogers, noted

photographer and lecturer, who had only recently completed a beautifully illustrated lecture on early Indian missions. The music for the program was composed largely of original, lovely Indian melodies, some of them hundreds of years old. Our lad received many congratulations for his interpretation of this Indian music, and had a fine time at the Banquet, as did his accompanist, Clifton E. Albee. Our band director, Frank L. Warren, made the arrangements for the trip.

Wolfeboro brings pleasant memories to a great number of our alumni, for several of our graduates are also graduates of Brewster Academy, located in Wolfeboro, and for many years our school band participated in the July Fourth celebration in the town.

#### Thompson's Isle

Come, come to Thompson's Isle,  
It's only a little more than a mile.  
You'll learn a very interesting trade  
For which later you will be paid.  
You'll work on the farm, and special, too  
As most of the boys always do.  
You'll have all summer to run and play  
Swim, fish or sleep all day.  
You'll love the adorable, cozy rooms  
That you sweep each day with overgrown  
brooms.

So come, come, to Thompson's Isle  
Farm and Trades School on your dial.

Douglas E. Boyd

#### An Appreciative Letter

April 14, 1954

Dear Mr. Meacham:

Thank you for your invitation to the band concert. I hope to attend and take some friends.

John came to see me Saturday morning. The improvement in his appearance and self-confidence was wonderful to see. The mirror he made for me is so perfect

in workmanship that it seems incredible a fifteen-year-old boy could have made it.

I knew John had unusual ability and I felt your school could bring out this ability but I never dreamed he could turn out anything so perfect in six month's time. Your instructors must be miracle workers. I read his article in your paper about his hobby of woodworking but did not realize he was creating such unusually fine articles.

It is truly wonderful what you have done for this boy. I wish I were a wealthy person so I could give a lot of money to carry on further your worthwhile work.

Please accept this small check.

Sincerely yours,

Land

Land! Land!

Land above all,

Things on earth to love.

Land on earth and beneath the sea;

Land in Heaven is loveliest to me.

Eugene A. Parker

#### A Variety Garden

A variety flower garden is one with many different kinds of plants. I had one last year and I enjoyed it very much. In the center there was a large Peace rose, and around that there were six giant marigolds. Outside the marigolds were twelve Mexican zinnias, with pansies planted between each pair of zinnias. The border consisted of small dwarf zinnias, which I kept trimmed in the shape of a hedge. The stones about the garden were painted white, and around the garden plot there was a two foot path, which was kept weeded and raked. I received third prize for my garden.

Edward A. Atton

"Music training is a more potent instrument than any other, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul." — Plato

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Our sympathy is expressed to HARRIS H. TODD, '05, upon the death of Mrs. Todd on March 26. Funeral services were held from the Lally Funeral Home in Brookline, with a Solemn Requien Mass at St. Anthony's Church. She is survived by Mr. Todd and two sons, Harris H. Todd, Jr., and John V. Todd.

IVERS R. ALLEN, '16, writes that he now has a new address, 72 Garfield Street, Laconia, N. H. He has kept in touch with the School since his graduation, and is always interested in learning of news of F. T. S., and the alumni association.

W. MARSHALL HALL, '27, is a musical instrument salesman for the Hollis Music Company in Boston. He does considerable teaching also, giving instruction on the trombone and baritone horn. A member of several professional musical organizations, we see him often at the Boston Garden and Mechanics Building, playing for such events as the Celtics games, and Flower Show. Mr. Hall has a son, Kenneth, who is a member of the Medford high school band. The Halls live in Medford, at 72 Webster Street.

MURDOCK C. MOORE, '39, after service in the U. S. Merchant Marine as a radio operator during World War II, married and located in Maumee, Ohio, where he entered the printing business. He sends us copies of the newspaper and other periodicals which he helps produce. The Moores live at 105 Conant Street, Maumee, Ohio.

MALCOLM E. CAMERON, '19, widely known as a top-notch entertainer, made

three appearances on a Boston television station recently. His act, as usual, was done in true professional style and we prophesy that television will open the door to many opportunities for him. He lives at Sandown, New Hampshire.

JOHN H. GOODHUE, '21, we note in the Boston press, has expanded his boating business and now heads one of the finest organizations on Lake Winnepesaukee devoted to assisting amateur yachtsmen. Mr. Goodhue has had a lifetime of boating experience, beginning on the School boats, and then on commercial boats at Wolfeboro. Later he operated a boatyard in this area, but returned some years ago to the Lake Winnepesaukee region. His address is Route 2, Laconia, N. H.

MYRON A. PRATT '38, informs us that he has a new address. He now lives at 250 Columbian St., South Weymouth. He is in the insurance business.

RICHARD P. ALLEN, '50, is transferring from Northeastern to Emerson College, where he will specialize in advertising through the courses set up at that college in radio and television, as well as other media. He lives at 76 Meridian Street, Melrose, Mass.

ROBERT E. LUCIEN, '49, while a student at Everett High School had his schooling interrupted when his National Guard unit was activated. Upon completing his service period he went back to school and is now a student at Boston University junior college. He lives in Everett, at 34 Pleasant View Avenue.





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#### LYING

Lying is a great sin. A boy that will lie will commit many other sins. A person may think that a lie just once is a small offence; but, if he lies once, he will get into the habit of lying, and then he will commit other sins. A liar will often take what does not belong to him; because he will think that he can tell a lie about it, and get himself clear. If a person will always tell the truth, I know he will not take what does not belong to him, nor take God's name in vain, nor get intoxicated; but he will be happy and respected.

The Bible says lying is an abomination to the Lord; and it also has the account of Ananias and his wife Sapphira being struck down dead for telling one lie. A person that will tell lies can never be believed, or trusted to have any responsible office. He cannot be believed, although he may be telling the truth.

Rufus King

Age 12

Farm School, April 20, 1859

#### What is a Boy?

A person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is to sit right where you are sitting and attend to things which you think so important, when you are gone. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried

out depends upon him. Even if you make leagues and treaties, he will have to manage them. He will take your seat in the Congress, assume control of your Cities, States, and Empires. He is going to move in and take over your Churches, Schools, Universities, Corporations, Councils and Prisons. All your work is going to be judged and praised and condemned by him. The future and destiny of humanity are in his hands, so it might be well to pay him a little attention now.

—ANONYMOUS

#### The Memorial Service

On Memorial Sunday, May 30, we held a simple, though dignified and reverent, service for those who are buried in our little cemetery located at the south end of the island. Because the weather was rainy the locale of the memorial service was transferred from the cemetery to our chapel.

It has been the custom for many years for the president of the graduating class to direct this service and this year Robert Fabello was in charge. In addition to announcing the various parts of the service, he read a paper giving a history of those who lie buried in our cemetery.

Mr. Meacham spoke briefly, giving to all a picture of the meaning of Memorial Day. All too often the real reason for the holy day are lost in the seeking for holiday pleasures.

Eleven of the boys took part in the service, and all did a fine piece of work in presenting poems, readings and musical selections in keeping with the religious and patriotic tone of the occasion.

The program was as follows:

### PROGRAM

Hymn—America

School

Pledge of Allegiance

Albert K. Ellis Steven R. Wellington

Prayer

Mr. Beauregard

Poem—In Flander's Fields

Carleton G. Skinner

Poem—I Have a Rendezvous With Death

Loren E. Cain

Brass Quintet—God's Commands

Teyet Ramar II Loren E. Cain

Richard A. Ostrander Paul E. Parker

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

Hymn—God Of Our Fathers

School

Poem—The Concord Hymn

Richard B. Pulsifer

Remarks

Mr. Meacham

History of the Graves

Robert Fabello

In Memoriam

David W. Howard and Trumpeters

Hymn—Nearer My God To Thee

School

Benediction

Mr. Beauregard

### Relievo

Yesterday I played Relievo for the first time, and it was a lot of fun. There were 24 boys in the group which went to the north end grove. We chose sides, and

decided who was going out first. It was our team. After we were out quite a while we were called in, and decided to make up new teams and limit the time out to a half hour. This is long enough for the running, ducking, hiding, capturing prisoners, freeing them and the other excitement of the game. Altogether we played for two hours and had a lot of fun.

Albert E. Merrill

### An Attraction

Our neighbors have a very attractive back yard. It is mostly lawn, with a neat fence, and flower beds planted along the fence. In the middle of the yard there is a large swimming pool, and there are very nice flower beds near the swimming pool also. This yard is so attractive that passersby stop to enjoy the beauty of the place.

Gary D. Schoonmaker

### Bible Club

A group of boys have joined a Bible Club which has been organized now for a year. We meet every week, on alternate Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and occasionally on Sundays. We are studying lessons from the Psalms. The Bible Club meetings are very pleasant, and no one regrets attending. We learn very much about the Bible, thanks to Mrs. Dockham, who gives her time to help us at every meeting.

Ronald A. Oke

### Milking

Recently I have been changed to milking. As yet I don't know very much about the dairy, but I am sure I like it and will be glad to learn all I can. Our cows are milked by machine and I help two other boys strip and then do certain work about the barn. Our herd is made up entirely of pure bred Guernsey cattle.

Alexander D. Marinakis

### Trouble

One day when I was in the fifth grade my chum and I were on our way to school, and we decided to skip classes that day and go to the County Fair. We had a great day at the Fair, and stayed longer than we should. Then, on the way home, we got lost. We invented all sorts of stories and then finally decided to say that we went to school all right and stayed late at a friend's house. Oh, boy, did we get in trouble. Our parents had been telephoning and looking everywhere for us. You can imagine what happened to us, and then after that we had to stay in our yards for a month.

Steven R. Wellington

### My First Visiting Day

Although I have been here for three years I can still remember the first visiting days I had here. I was at the dock ahead of time waiting for the boat which was bringing my parents. They wanted to see all the buildings at the School, and I hurried them along so we could get to the ball game. I introduced my parents to some of the instructors and to my room-mates.

Henry T. Murphy

### An Improvement

Our dairy rooms have been painted, and the appearance is improved greatly. The color is battleship gray, and the dairy room boys did most of the work. The equipment shines like new, and with the new paint job, we think it is the best looking place at the School. We hope you visit the dairy rooms on your next visit here.

William F. James

### Basketball

I learned to play basketball this winter, and now that the outdoor court is in use I can play there during the summer. I was

on the Nut League last winter, and hope to be on one of the Sears League teams next season. Maybe I will make the varsity team in my last year here. Many of the boys like basketball better than any other sport, and well they should because it is a great game.

Douglas E. Boyd

### Extra Work

My regular work is in the Power House and in my spare time I help the engineer. He has different maintenance jobs to take care of every day, and I have learned a great deal from helping him, and noticing how he does things. We have installed new outdoor lights, repaired motors, replaced switches, checked the dormitory telephone lines, worked on the refrigeration units and many other things. We are now putting in a new steam line from Dormitory A to Dormitory B.

Gerald L. Briggs

### My Dog

My dog is a small white and black All-American mutt. You can tell him because he is smooth all over, loves to play, and can run and out jump any other dog. He is a good watchdog. The slightest unusual sound at night is a signal for my dog to rouse the neighborhood. The best kind of a pet, my dog can almost talk, and I love to keep my pet well-fed and happy.

Albert K. Ellis

### Quotes

—If you are going to do anything permanent for the average man you have got to begin working before he is a man. The chance of success lies in working with the boy.

—THEODORE ROOSEVELT

—Fishermen never lie down on the job. Most anglers lie standing up with arms outstretched.

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

This column is devoted to a series of nine articles pertaining to The Present, The Past, and The Future of our School. In this issue we propose to mention some of the outstanding items of the past two or three decades. Space necessarily limits us to a mere outline by years.

1926 Boys' Diet Modernized

1927 Modern Cow Barn Built

1927 Guernsey Herd Started

1928 Band Entered First School  
Band Contest

1928 \*"Addition of a man who is a college graduate to teach the first two classes of school work."

1929 Electric Line Connected

1929 Poultry Houses Built

1930 New Freight Scow

1931 Chicken Hatchery Started

1932 †Our Band Won First Prize—  
Waltham High School Band Second

1933 Celebrated Our Centennial on  
Thompson's Island

1934 New Boat—PILGRIM III

1935 Athletic Program Expanded

1936 Board of Trustees Increased to  
26 Members

1936 Title of Superintendent changed  
to Headmaster

1936 Francis Shaw Scholarship Be-  
gan

1936 Adams House Built

1937 Recreation Program Broadened

1937 Boy Scout Troop Established

1938 New Band Uniforms

1938 Band to Burlington, Vermont

1939 Bowditch House Built

1940 Charles Hayden Scholarships  
Started

1940 New Dairy Building

1940 Liversidge Institute Merged

1941 Boat WINSLOW Recommiss-  
ioned

1941 Indian Graves Found

1941 New Athletic Field Finished

1941 Three Hayden Dormitories Constructed

1951 1,500 Volumes of Library Re-Catalogued

1952 Water Line Repaired

1952 Science Teacher Added

1952 New Classroom Lighting

\*NOTE—Quoted from February, 1928 BEACON which has a long article on improvements recommended by the Headmaster.

†NOTE—This item is noted in the June, 1932 BEACON. This article goes on to say, "Bob Emery, who announced the events, then called on our band to execute a fancy drill which we did for the other bands and hundreds of visitors."

### Topics in Brief

The Annual Banquet of the Graduating Class was held on the evening of Thursday, May 6, in Bowditch House. This annual event is always outstanding, yet it did seem as though this year the Banquet was even more enjoyable than customary, if that were possible. The toastmaster was David Leveille, and he did a superb piece of work in introducing the after dinner speakers, who included underclassmen as well as faculty members. The Dinner itself was all that could be asked for, and was prepared by our kitchen staff, with the assistance of class members.

Our tennis court has been put in first class condition, and as may well be imagined, is one of the most popular places on the campus. All of the boys enjoy this sport, and many have developed their skill so as to be classed as excellent players. There is always a waiting line for the court, such is the popularity of the game with our boys.

The annual class auction sponsored by the graduating class took place on May 20. Almost every conceivable type of article which boys want was placed on sale

to the highest bidder. Everyone had a good time, and the class treasury received a substantial boost.

Our annual Memorial Sunday service took place on May 30, and because of inclement weather the program was given in our chapel, instead of at the cemetery. Robert Fabello, president of the graduating class, was in charge. The service was impressive and those who took part did so most creditably.

Track and field events are an important part of our spring recreation program, and each year a track meet is held on Memorial Day. The boys are grouped in several classes, according to age and athletic ability, so that competition is always between boys of as nearly equal athletic status as possible. Our track meet events include the cross country run, shot put, running high jump, running broad jump, and dashes. Needless to say, the track and field events are very popular with most of the boys, and good records are achieved each year.

Our readers are well aware of the really superlative facilities we have for staging track meets and other athletic events.

One of the summertime pleasures which the boys enjoy are the frequent beach and lawn suppers. The first of these took place on Memorial Day at the beach. Bacon, frankforts, rolls, relish, cake, ice cream and chocolate milk made up the menu. Cooking one's meal in the open always increases the appetite, and our kitchen people are always on the alert to see that the boys are well stocked with provisions.

The Band attended two music festivals during the month, and we are happy to report that our group received the highest

possible marks from the expert judges. The first festival was held at Fall River, and although the day was far from perfect from a weather standpoint, the Festival events were held as far as possible. The afternoon program took place in the armory, and consisted of a massed band concert.

On May 22 the band took part in the Central Massachusetts Festival at Webster. This was one of the finest festivals which we have attended, and fortunately the weather permitted the full scheduling of an excellent program. A truly spectacular feature was the exhibition given by hundreds of majorettes, led by champion drum majors twirling fire batons. Our boys played for this marvelous drilling event, in addition to participating in all of the other divisions of the school music festival, which attracted thousands of young musicians and spectators.

The first Friends' Day of the season was held on Friday, May 14, and as usual transportation was furnished by the City Point chartered public boats. Many parents and friends came to spend the afternoon.

Our shuffleboard court has lately been painted and is now in active use. The popular game of shuffleboard is a recent major addition to our summer recreational program.

The eighth graders gave an entertainment at the occasion of the regular weekly assembly on May 10. Skits, sketches and musical selections made up an interesting program, and nearly every class member took part.

The clang of horseshoes is a familiar sound these days, and our two horseshoe pitching courts are almost continually in use. The weekly tournaments in this

game, as well as in other summertime activities, interest all of the boys.

The sixth and seventh graders combined to give a novel entertainment at a weekly assembly during the month. A miniature type of marionette show was a feature. Three of the boys enacted a clever skit and others performed instrumental selections.

Baseball and softball make up the chief recreational interests of the boys during the summer, and five teams in these sports have played an interesting schedule of games. We have admirable playing fields for these games, and every boy is encouraged in every way to actively play on one of the five teams.

### Farewell, Old Faceful

Everyone who has been at Thompson's Island is almost sure to be personally acquainted with our good warm weather friend, "Old Faceful." This water bubbler on the fountain under the Old Elm almost always guaranteed a faceful of refreshment. Alas! This week "Old Faceful" has been replaced with a modern bubbler equipped with a guard to prevent the action by which "Old Faceful" was named. So we say farewell to a tempestuous old friend, and hello to a more quiet, yet equally efficient thirst quencher.

### Memorial Day

It was raining Memorial Day so we did not go to the south end cemetery. Instead we had a service in chapel. We sang hymns, and some of the boys recited poems. David Howard played the drum rolls and Teyet Ramar, Loren Cain and Malcolm Cameron played taps on their trumpets. Robert Fabello told the history of those who are buried in the little cemetery.

Donald E. Robicheau

**Honor Roll — Spring Term**

The highest academic averages in each class group

**Junior Class**

Ralph A. Hopkins  
David A. Pulsifer

**Sophomore Class**

William H. Dillon  
Robert Fabello  
Norman W. Sellevaag

**Freshman Class**

Albert E. Merrill  
Richard T. Castonguay

**Eighth Grade Division A**

Larry E. Garside  
James E. Anderson

**Eighth Grade Division B**

Howard E. Murphy, II  
Bruce Alexander

**Seventh Grade**

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.  
Donald E. Robicheau  
Robert H. Grignon

**Sixth Grade**

Walter E. Grignon, Jr.  
Richard B. Ayers

**Best Citizenship**

"A" Rank general conduct and effort  
in each class group

**Sophomore Class**

Edward A. Atton  
William H. Dillon  
Robert Fabello  
S. Newcomb Graham  
David E. LeVeille  
Norman W. Sellevaag

**Freshman Class**

Thomas Angelos  
Gerald L. Briggs  
Loren E. Cain  
John E. Lennon  
Albert E. Merrill  
Steven R. Wellington  
Robert W. Wright

**Eighth Grade Division A**

Alexander D. Marinakis

**Eighth Grade Division B**

Kenneth C. Alexander  
Howard E. Murphy, II

**Seventh Grade**

Robert H. Grignon  
Donald J. Oke  
Ronald A. Oke  
Donald E. Robicheau

**Sixth Grade**

Richard L. Sawyer

**Track Meet Results**

The track meet held on Memorial Day was another in a series of annual events which have been highlights of our spring athletic seasons. Following is a list of those who achieved the best records in each of the five classes.

Varsity: William H. Dillon, First, 38 points; David E. LeVeille, Second, 33 points.

Junior Varsity: Kenneth C. Alexander, First, 33 points; Alexander D. Marinakis, Second, 22 points.

Seniors: Loren E. Cain, First, 38 points; Joseph S. Lombardo and Steven Wellington tied for second, 21½ points.

Juniors: Barry R. Fuller, First, 35 points; John Cronin, Second, 33 points.

Cubs: Robert H. Grignon, First, 39 points; George H. Homer, Second, 27 points.

**An Attractive Side Yard**

Our neighbors have an attractive side yard. It has a beautiful circular flower garden and four evergreen trees, one in each corner. The yard is cool looking, and has a nice green lawn. There are six or seven comfortable lawn settees placed conveniently, and painted with bright, gay colors. I think that it is a very nice side yard.

John A. Fritz

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Hyde Park, Mass.

DONALD W. LOWERY, '41, served with the U. S. Navy during World War II, and following his discharge worked for a banking institution. Later he was a salesman for a household appliance concern. He then became a radio announcer and is presently with Station WSPR, in Springfield, Mass.

He is enthused with his radio work, which includes everything which a staff announcer is called upon to handle, such as general announcing, interviews, remote personality shows, sportscasting, news editing and commentary.

We wish him well with his career in radio, and who knows, one of these days when our school band is in Springfield, he may be announcing a concert by the F. T. S. Band.

LESLIE L. GODDARD, '46, writes that he was unable to attend the Faneuil Hall band concert, much as he would have liked to. He certainly had a valid reason, and a happy one, for his absence. On last March 21 the Goddards became the parents of twin sons, Geoffrey Cal and Glenn Carl. Congratulations!

Mr. Goddard is an apprentice sheet-metal trainee at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, N. H., and will complete the work in two years. He writes that his chosen trade is one of the best, and that he finds the work very interesting.

The Goddards live at 8 Goodrich St., Kittery, Maine.

BRUCE E. HAEGER, '46, has kept in close touch with the school since his graduation and we have lately received an announcement of his marriage to Miss

May Jean Takacs, at South Norwalk, Conn., on April 17, 1954. He is an Airman, Third Class, United States Air Force.

Our congratulations and sincere best wishes are extended the happy couple. It is our hope that Mr. and Mrs. Haeger may visit Thompson's Island in the near future, when we may extend greetings personally.

We have received a graduation invitation from Samuel W. Wood, a former pupil here, who receives his diploma from the New Mexico Military Institute at Fort Wingate this month. We congratulate him upon his achievement. It is always a pleasure to hear from former students and we thank him for writing.

JOHN P. RICHARDSON II, '53, is one of those of our younger graduates who will graduate from higher schools this June. He graduates from Hingham High School.

Lawrence J. McManus, a former pupil, has been a member of the U. S. Air Force for some time, and is presently stationed at a small outpost on an island near Japan. He writes frequently, and we are glad to hear from him. As we have noted before, letters to our men in the armed forces are received by them with much pleasure. We hope mail will continue to flow to Larry and our other young men whose addresses appear on this page frequently.

His address is: A-3c Larry McManus, AF12432256, 511th ACOW GP, Det. 7, A. P. O. 48, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.





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### Graduation Address

By John E. Teger, Executive Director,  
Big Brother Association of Boston

NOTE: Those who had the privilege of hearing this address at Graduation were deeply impressed by Mr. Teger's reliance on Faith, Hope, Sincerity, and Honesty of Purpose, as he developed a philosophy for living which undcuttely made a profound impression upon our young graduates. He has kindly granted us permission to print his address. In this issue we present the first half, which is an overall picture of a boy's development. In the next issue Mr. Teger will conclude with helps for vital problems faced by American youth.

When a man is asked to appear as speaker before a graduating class, he frankly wonders what he can say that will be of help to those who will be listening to him, and yes, whether he is the man to give forth with words of wisdom. I don't for one moment presume that what I will say to you will be anything else but, let us hope, thought-provoking. In that you are graduating, it is natural that our thoughts are of the future. Yet, it is helpful sometimes in order to see the whole picture, to see the future more clearly, to take a glance backward.

Briefly, let's take a look at where you have been in your growing years. There was a time when your main concern was to be fed, fondled and burped occasionally. The world was your oyster. Then came the time when you found out that there were other people around . . . big towering people . . . adults . . . mother, father, aunts

and uncles . . . and these people expected certain things of you, like, "Don't touch the ash tray . . . Don't squeeze the cat too hard . . . or . . . Don't bash baby sister with the cream pitcher." You found out that you had to abide by certain rules . . . Although you were allowed to break a few of them and maybe had to by way of growing up, in general, people expected you to play the game. People approved and liked you if you abided by the rules and were apt to give you a hard time if you didn't. Insofar as others your own age were concerned, for awhile you were not quite ready to share. If Johnny reached for your toy automobile, in all likelihood you would break his arm if you could. Fortunately, this didn't last too long before you found out that people liked you to share and that being cooperative and doing things together, sharing, could be fun. Then came the period when you and the other boys began to team up. . . You had a real close buddy. . . You were full of activity. . . running, wrestling. . . You couldn't be held down. Girls, you had no use for. . . All they were good for was to tease and annoy. You will probably bear me out when I say that this attitude soon changed.

Where are you now? Of course, it is hard to generalize. Each of you is very different and unique; yet in many ways very much alike. There have been ups

and downs in your growing up and undoubtedly there still are, but it adds up to the fact that you have been growing, becoming responsible, developing into men. You are now young adults, about ready to step out into an adult world; soon to have the freedom, the privileges, but also the responsibilities. You are planning to get a job or maybe some more training, all for the purpose of getting ready to take care of yourself and others. . . to feed yourself, to cloth yourself and keep a roof over your head. You are thinking about the service, wondering what to expect. . . Is there going to be another war? . . . about meeting the right girl someday. . . hoping to own a car. . . In general, you are wondering what is ahead. You may be a bit unsure of yourself on one hand and ready to lick the world on the other. This is only natural, something we all experience. To try to tell you what is ahead, what you can expect and how to handle what is coming your way is a very difficult task. No man can really predict or give you a blue print, a rule for every situation. The best I can do is to share with you things which have become important to me, growing out of my own experience and the experience of others.

You will meet people, as you probably have already, who are unfair, who will try to take advantage of you, who will try to push you around. . . the sneak . . . the bully. . . unpleasant people. You are also going to meet, as you already have, people who are fair, straight forward, considerate, kind. . . people who cooperate and want to see you get a break. I am sure you will find, as I have, that most people are the latter kind of people, people you can trust and have faith in. Keep in mind, however, that no one is all good or all bad. There is a little of each in all of us. The important thing is that the good is the mostest in the most of

us. There are beacons along the way that give us direction, principles and values that are vitally important to us in our every day living.

#### Integrity and Honesty

I don't mean honesty strictly in the sense that we do not take that which does not belong to us or that we do not tell untruths, important as these may be, but honesty in the sense that we do not misrepresent ourselves. . . do not try to kid others or ourselves that we are something that we are not. If we make a mistake, foul up, or are not all that we would like to be, we accept this fact and admit it. This does not, for one moment, mean that if we have flaws, if we are inconsiderate or selfish, that we should be unconcerned or derive satisfaction out of the fact that at least we are honest about being inconsiderate or selfish, yet make no attempt to effect a change on ourselves. We must look ourselves squarely in the face and say, "Jim Smith, this I like about you, this I do not. All in all, I think you are a good guy, but I am going to see what I can do about making you an even better person." Be the kind of person you are, trying always to be a better person. (The second, and concluding half, of this Address will appear in our next issue.)

#### Graduation

The Graduation Exercises for the Class of 1954 were held on Thursday, June 10. Ideal weather prevailed, and the exercises were held amidst the lovely outdoor setting of the south lawn.

John E. Teger, Executive Director of the Big Brother Association of Boston, delivered the address to the class of eight members. Mr. Teger's message was outstanding, and of vital interest. We thank him for coming to us. He was introduced by the vice president of the Board of Trustees, Alfred C. Malm, '01.

Following the Processional, led by Loren E. Cain, '55, as Marshall, our good friend the Rev. Morris A. Inch delivered the Invocation. Mr. Inch is a former pastor here, and presently is the pastor of the South Baptist Church.

The Valedictory was given by William H. Dillon, and the Salutatory by David E. LeVeille. Both boys did a fine job in delivering their messages.

The diplomas were awarded by Headmaster Meacham. Eight received diplomas of graduation, six for completion of the sloyd course and three for the post-graduate year. Many other special awards and honors were announced at this time by Mr. Meacham, and the names of those receiving these will be found listed on another page.

Music for the Graduation was furnished by the school band, under the direction of our bandmaster, Frank L. Warren. Four selections were played by the band.

The program, and names of those receiving diplomas, follows:

### PROGRAM

Class Processional—Youth Victorious  
Loren E. Cain, '55, Marshall

Invocation

The Reverend Morris A. Inch  
Pastor, South Baptist Church

Overture—Determination

Salutatory

David E. LeVeille

Band Selection—Little Champ

Valedictory

William H. Dillon

Introduction of Speaker

Vice President Alfred C. Malm

Address

John E. Teger, Executive Director  
Big Brother Association of Boston

Presentation of Diplomas and Prizes  
Headmaster William M. Meacham

Finale—Gate City March

### DIPLOMAS AWARDED

#### GRADUATION

Edward Alexander Atton

William Henry Dillon

Robert Fabello

Spencer Newcomb Graham

David Whittier Howard

David Edmnnd LeVeille

Richard Anthony Ostrander

Norman Wesley Sellevaag

#### SLOYD

Edward Alexander Atton

Loren Ellis Cain

William Henry Dillon

Spencer Newcomb Graham

Richard Anthony Ostrander

Ralph Robert Schofield

#### JUNIOR YEAR CERTIFICATES

Ralph Frederick Hopkins

David Alan Pulsifer

Teyet Ramar II

#### CLASS OFFICERS

Robert Fabello, President

David E. LeVeille, Vice President

S. Newcomb Graham, Secretary

William H. Dillon, Treasurer

#### CLASS MOTTO

"Onward and Upward"

The class members made out applications for admission to the Alumni Association, and soon will be voted to membership.

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The success and achievements of any organization, industrial, commercial, educational, social, and all other branches of society, is directly proportional to the qualities of its personnel. One great American industrial leader recently said, "Take away my organization which I have carefully built through the years and I am bankrupt."

Extremely vital factors in our work include the unusual location of our school, its very broad program of boy-developing features and consequent skills and leadership required, the high standards academically and in character training, our responsibilities for the complete life and living of each boy, and the continuous struggle to live down the reputation of "Reform School" engendered many years ago. Our staff of men and women has a tremendous responsibility and it is essential, therefore, that we continuously strive to get the best and most qualified people available for every department of our service.

Our present high standard of personnel, the long average length of service of our staff members, and the great devotion of the group to the happiness and development of every boy, argues well for the realization of our great ideal of helping each of our boys to attain the very best in life.

The general rule for salaries of total costs in industry is about 60 per cent, in educational institutions about 75 per cent, in other professional services about 90 per cent. Our work at The Farm and Trades School, in fact, combines all of these types of services. Our salaries represent only about 50 per cent of our total current expenditures.

In obtaining and maintaining a qualified staff we must compete with many other professional and industrial organizations. The financial consideration is an

important factor. We shall probably never be able to match salaries with the best of those other organizations.

It is apparent that the nearest approach we can make to attaining financial equality for our staff would be to adopt a retirement plan. This would enable the School to attract and hold the best. Without this added incentive the immediate future looks very dim for recruiting men and women of qualities comparable to our present staff.

### Topics in Brief

The Class of 1954 was graduated on June 10, and the exercises were held in the beautiful outdoor setting on the south lawn. The executive secretary of the Big Brother Association of Boston, John E. Teger, addressed the class. The eight graduates, and three juniors, left for their homes after the exercises.

June 5 was a busy day here at the school. Two very important events were combined, the first being the assembling of the alumni for the annual field day of the alumni association, and the second the television program featuring our school on WBZ-TV. News of the field day will be found on page eight.

The television program of 45 minutes beginning at 12:45 was a top-notch success. Mr. Meacham and the Band left the Island so as to be at the studio shortly before noon. Bob Emery, '12, gave a few last minute instructions and the band boys had a brief period to go through a final rehearsal.

The President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Bartlett, and Mr. Meacham were interviewed by Mr. Emery and a twenty minute motion picture made at the school was shown. The band did a marching drill and made other appearances on the program.

Without doubt this television show performed its hoped-for task, that of reaching a great number of people with the story of our school. Those who saw it became aware of the vast opportunities which our boys enjoy, and, frankly, many were amazed that our School provided such an ideal all-round education for its boys.

We thank the officials at WBZ-TV, and our alumnus Bob Emery, for the opportunity given us to tell the television audience of the work of The Farm and Trades School.

An inspiring sermon was given the members of the Class of 1954 by the Rev. Morris A. Inch, at the occasion of the Baccalaureate Service of the class given at the South Baptist Church on June 6. Music for the service was furnished by the church staff, and by our brass quartet. We thank Mr. Inch for the warm, personal interest he takes in our boys. We appreciate very much the deeply reverent Baccalaureate Service he and his church staff prepared for the class.

Eighty members and guests of the American Institute of Architects visited the school recently as a field trip of the group then holding a national convention in Boston. Their interest was centered upon the Main Building, which is understandable, for it was designed by the noted architect Bulfinch, and erected in 1833. Many guests came from far distant points, and the harbor sail, our school and its unique location were of much interest. Acting as a guide was our good friend, Edward Rowe Snow, prominent Boston Harbor historian.

The members of the graduating class directed the evening church service on June 6. David E. LeVeille was in charge, and gave an excellent talk. The singing

of beloved traditional church hymns and instrumental music added to the service. The class was commended on the excellence of this service, which was the last one the members attended at Thompson's Island.

As our readers are aware, the classes take turns in preparing the entertainments given at the weekly Monday evening assemblies. The final program of the year is given by the graduating class, and at this time the boys give a resume of their years at F. T. S. The Class Will and the Prophecy are outstanding parts of the last assembly. This year the final assembly took place on June 7.

A traditional part of graduation week is the class outing, and this year the boys went to Canobie Lake on Monday, June 7. The expenses for the trip were met by Mrs. Arthur Adams, as they have been for many years, and the class thanks her for her kindness.

The boys had a grand time at Canobie Lake. The weather for the outing was perfect. The management of the recreation area promotes class outings and does everything possible to make such annual excursions memorable and pleasant.

A farewell party for the graduating class was given by the freshman class on the evening of June 4. Miss Helen M. Gresty, church recreational leader from Lynn, was in charge and did her customary very excellent job in directing the games, stunts and dances. She brought with her a group of girls from her church clubs, and the young people had a gala time. Thomas Angelos, president of the freshman class, directed the planning of the party. Miss Gresty was delighted to receive as a gift from the freshman an article of furniture made in our sloyd room by class member

Loren E. Cain. The evening was happy and pleasant in every way, and very much enjoyed.

One of the happy events of Graduation week is the Class Supper, when the graduating class and the academic staff are guests of Headmaster and Mrs. Meacham, at Adams House. This year the class supper took place on June 9. When the weather is pleasant, as it was this year, the supper is served buffet style, on the lawn.

### The Boston Farm School Offering

Fifth in a series of articles reprinted from paper titled as above, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1859.

#### THE APPLE TREE

God made this useful tree for the subsistence of man, and he made it to beautify the earth. It does not flourish in all climates; it flourishes best in the New-England and Middle States. They come over from England for our apples, because theirs are not as large and sweet as ours. I wish that the apple tree would grow in all countries; but it is God's wish that it should not.

After the winter is over, the spring is come, the buds and leaves of this tree come forth, at first small and tender; but after a while they become large and strong, and then the beautiful blossoms come out which scent the air so sweetly. After a time, the leaves of the flowers fall off so as to cover the ground beneath the tree; and then the little apples begin to show themselves. Many of them drop off; but those that remain on increase in size during the summer. But then they are very sour, so that nobody would eat them except some boys that will run the risk of being sick and die. As they increase in size, they become more sweet, and have nice little rosy cheeks.

Some trees are loaded down with so much fruit as to be propped up, to keep their branches from breaking down.

Last of all comes harvest-time of the apples; then the young people meet to gather the apples.

A man climbs up in the tree with a long cord attached to a basket, in which he puts the apples. When he has filled the basket, he lowers it to the ground. If an apple is bruised, it soon decays. When the apples are all gathered in, they store them away in some place where they will not freeze during the winter.

We have many apple-trees on this beautiful island.

Composed and written by your young friend,

Farm School, November, 1858      A. Dietrich

### The Charles Hayden Scholarships

Annually several of our boys have been honored by receiving a Charles Hayden Scholarship, and a certificate attesting to this is awarded each recipient at Graduation.

Charles Hayden, the noted financier, had definite convictions regarding the training of young people. Environment was a most important factor, he believed. It was his belief that in the proper environment young people could be fostered and trained so that their characters would be developed to their greatest possibilities for ultimate gain to mankind the world over.

Mr. Hayden made provision in his Will for his vast personal fortune to be used for the betterment of youth. The Charles Hayden Foundation was organized to serve this purpose and to supervise the trust. The Foundation has granted large sums to many schools, colleges and youth organizations. The investment Mr. Hayden has made in youth will live for-

ever, a tremendous monument to his memory.

Our boys who received the Charles Hayden Scholarships this year included:

Edward A. Atton  
Gerald L. Briggs  
Loren E. Cain  
Albert K. Ellis  
Robert Fabello  
Spencer N. Graham  
Ralph F. Hopkins  
David W. Howard  
John E. Lennon, Jr.  
David E. LeVeille  
Richard A. Ostrander  
David A. Pulsifer  
Teyet Ramar, II  
Norman W. Sellevaag  
Carlton G. Skinner

### The Francis Shaw Scholarship

The Francis Shaw Scholarship was established in 1936, by Miss Miriam Shaw, in memory of her father. This scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding member of an upper class, and provides for a considerable part of the student's expenses for the year. William H. Dillon received the scholarship this year, and we congratulate him heartily. He richly deserved the honor.

Francis Shaw was a member of the Board of Trustees of the School from 1889 until 1923, a total of 34 years. He was devoted to every phase of the school work, but it was to the school farm that he directed his greatest efforts.

Foremost among his hopes and wishes was that every F. T. S. boy should develop a stalwart and upright character, and to this end he worked diligently.

The Francis Shaw Scholarship is a fine and wonderful tribute to the memory of a great man.

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### Alumni Field Day

The annual Field Day of the Alumni Association was held at the School on Saturday, June 5. The weather, which was rainy in the morning held the attendance down somewhat, yet there was a good turnout for the occasion, which is one of the more important annual alumni events.

All of the officers of the Association were present, and each assisted materially in directing the program for the day. Headquarters for the group was the gymnasium, and the alumni and their friends went first to this hall. Inasmuch as the Band was rehearsing for a television appearance at 12:45 of that day, it did not take long for the alumni to dispense with what other plans they may have had and go to the band hall. The hall and corridor accommodated as many as possible. Practically every alumnus has been a member of the Band, and all are vitally interested. Thus Mr. Warren and the boys played hosts to all of the visitors at one time or another during the rehearsal.

Rain had forced cancellation of the ball games, and other outdoor morning events. The alumni were served lunch in the gymnasium, and the school staff did a fine job in serving the tasty meal. A television set had been installed in the gym and after lunch the school program was viewed. Everyone, of course, was tremendously interested in this program and all were very happy that the 45 minute school program on WBZ-TV was such an unqualified success.

The weather cleared and the afternoon program of games, stunts and races was held in the out-of-doors. Events were programmed which interested all age

groups. The traditional picnic games were enjoyed, such as the sack race, crab race, and many others. Comical events added to the fun.

During the day one could notice the alumni wending their way through hallways and places where joyous days of boyhood were spent. This is one activity which the old boys like to do, by themselves, or with one or two other old schoolboy pals. Then, too, often on alumni day the graduates bring friends and take particular delight in showing these friends the superior advantages which our boys enjoy. Those visiting here for the first time are really impressed with the numerous opportunities open to our boys and no one enjoys escorting visitors about the school more than the graduates.

Alumni Day, 1954, was surely a grand day for everyone. The officers of the Association made up the Committee for the Day, and each of these men deserves special commendation for a job well done.

The three graduates of the Class of 1953 who remained with us for the post-graduate year left the School in June. They are working this summer, and all will return to school in September. Ralph F. Hopkins is working for a Boston printing plant and will attend Brookline high school this fall. David A. Pulsifer is employed at a summer resort in Maine, and will attend Stoneham high school this fall. Teyet Ramar, II, is working at a summer camp, and will attend Brewster Academy, in Wolfeboro, N. H., in September.

We wish these young graduates well in their selected assignments, and know that they will carry on their good work.





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### A Belchertown *Sentinel* Reprint

The following editorial from the Belchertown, Mass., *Sentinel*, of June 11, resulted from a visit to the School by a representative group of members of the Methodist Men's Club of Belchertown, led by our alumnus, Frederick S. Very, '33. The editorial gives an understandable impression from an expert observer and professional writer.

#### Farm and Trades School Should Be Much Better Known

I have been sadly remiss not to have written long before this about the very enjoyable and instructive "field trip" I took on Saturday, May 15, as a guest of the Methodist Men's Club. The events of the day were chronicled in this paper on the 21st, but I should have expressed my appreciation immediately, instead of dallying around with other stuff.

Before I accepted the invitation, which proved to include a fine ride with an excellent member of the General Court, I was so woefully ignorant that I had never heard of Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor or of The Farm and Trades School that owns it.

Yet the school has been serving boys for 140 years and has one of the most unique set-ups that I have ever seen. Its very location gives it an atmosphere you will not get anywhere else. The school's own boat chugs up to the pier to take its visitors and personnel over to the school, and the boys in charge of the craft take a

pride in their seamanship, let me tell you.

It is a private school, well endowed, and provides education of the traditional type, as well as agricultural and trade "laboratories" for worthy youngsters who cannot be cared for in their own homes, because of some such condition as that of sickness or death which has handicapped the parents. It is not a school for delinquent kids, and is in no way a detention institution.

A fee is charged for attending, but exceptions are made—evidently quite a few exceptions—when there is proved inability to pay. The full course takes the boy through, as I remember, two or three years of high school, and those who want to get a regular high school diploma finish their course "on the mainland." The early elementary years are not covered at the school, either. Seems to me the youngest are about at the sixth-grade level.

An excellent school farm and several types of shops teach the boys to do many things with their own hands and also cut down on the living expenses. The academic subjects are taught by qualified and pretty-well-paid teachers, and the extra-curricular activities include a 40-piece band (there are only 60 boys in the school!) athletic teams, and so on. The band, proudly advertised as "The Oldest School Band in America," has been on the upbeat for 97 years!

One fact struck me as odd and a little sad. The school does not have its full quota of boys. It has actually shrunk in size in late years, for a strange and particularly "Modern-American" reason. If a child in a welfare-aided home stays at home, his folks get money for his care. If he goes to the Farm and Trades School, this money for his care naturally stops. Some parents care more for this money than for a better chance for their children.

Farm and Trades School is now non-sectarian and can take boys from anywhere in the Commonwealth. Needless to say, if many schoolmen are as ignorant about it as I have always been, there will not be many applications from outside the Boston area. There is no folder or other advertising, at least not at the school!

However, a letter to Headmaster William M. Meacham on Thompson's Island, Boston, Mass., should enable any interested adult to learn how to enroll a boy in a place where he can go ahead to a fine and useful citizenship.

Here is a place for one of those kids who have a hard time getting along because of home conditions which are not good for him—conditions caused by illness, overcrowding, or what have you. Getting out onto the island and into the healthful, lively, and thoroughly lovely atmosphere there would give him the start he might not otherwise get. The kids are independent, alert, and very self-reliant. And what a friendly bunch!

There is nothing fancy about this school. No ivy towers and memorial carillons, though architect and public leader Charles Bulfinch of Boston was active in planning the original buildings there. It could do with a lot of new equipment, but is doing well with what it has until more may come its way. Yet it is modern and comfortable. I should be glad to have a son of mine there. Guess that's the real test.

By the way, schools like this are very scarce. I don't know of another like it in Massachusetts. Kurn Hattin in Vermont is quite similar. If you know a boy who needs a new break, a boy of good character who isn't getting the right start why not suggest The Farm and Trades School.

### Graduation Address, Part Two

By John E. Teger, Executive Director,  
Big Brother Association of Boston

NOTE: Those who had the privilege of hearing this address at Graduation were deeply impressed by Mr. Teger's reliance on Faith, Hope, Sincerity, and Honesty of Purpose, as he developed a philosophy for living which undoubtedly made a profound impression upon our young graduates. He has kindly granted us permission to print his address. In the last issue we presented the first half, which was an overall picture of a boy's development. In this August issue Mr. Teger concludes with helps for vital problems faced by American youth, aptly titled "Justice," "Dignity," and "Compassion."

#### Justice

Demand fair treatment for yourself and others. Do not judge any person unless you know the facts. Consider no person at fault or guilty unless that person has had a fair hearing by you or by those you authorize to weigh the facts carefully and judge. Don't accept hearsay or gossip at face value. If Joe, no matter how well you like him says to you, "Bill Jones starves his dog," check your impulse to say, "Bill Jones is a cruel man," until you find out where Joe got his information and if it is true. Should you see Mack walking down the street with Mr. X., whom you possibly know to be dishonest because of a personal experience you have had with him, don't tinge Mack as being a dishonest person just because he was with Mr. X. Judge Mack on his own merits as you would want to be judged yourself. Don't be stampeded. . . think things through carefully yourself. God gave you a mind to use to the best of your ability. . . use it yourself. . . don't let others try to use it for you.

### Dignity

We hear a great deal about this dignity of man. What do we mean? Let me try to tell you what I think it means. . . that each of us is mighty important, that each of us, regardless of how small we may seem to be in relation to the total universe—the stars, the sky. . . being one of millions. . . is still very significant. Every man has in him wonderful powers to think creatively, to build creatively. Every man is a vital part of God's plan. Every man, each of us, deserves respect and considerate fair treatment. No man has a right to look down on another or consider himself basically superior and another inferior. No man has a right to talk to or behave toward another in a manner inferring that he is God's chosen and the other person a slob. . . even if the other person may be a slob. We may have real justification for not liking some people, but no justification for treating them like dirt. We sometimes have to look beyond the surface and see what lies beneath the person's potential for good and creative living and how we in some small way can help this to be expressed.

### Compassion

Understanding what makes the other fellow tick. Why is he lonely? Why is he a grouch? What are his feelings and needs? Being able to appreciate the other fellow's problems; to be kind, considerate and helpful because you make somebody feel good and you feel good yourself; to feel warmly and tenderly towards others. . . to put others' happiness before your own at times; to care not only for your family and your neighbors, but people you may not even know. . . people who suffer wherever they may be.

You are not going to find things all peaches and cream, nor life all discouraging. You will meet disappointments, possibly in not getting the job you want,

the girl you want or the friend who lets you down. At times the cards may seem to be stacked against you and at times they may be. It will be only natural for you occasionally to feel, "What's the use?" Stick to it. . . Do the best and most honest kind of living you can. Although we all get tired and drag our feet at times, don't crawl. Walk straight and when necessary, run a little. Don't let people push you around, but don't push anyone else around. Whatever your job may be, work your hardest and do your best. Derive most of your pride and satisfaction not out of the boss' or a fellow worker's pat on the back, as important as this is to us, but out of the knowledge that you are doing a good job, the best you know how at the time. Be interested in what is going on around you, be concerned. Voice and act upon your honest convictions. If the going gets rough and you feel like giving up, give it another and another try and there is every chance in the world that you will come out on top and be a stronger person for it. Don't try to solve all the problems, your own or the world's, at once. Do whatever you can in the time allotted you and hope that the fellow who follows you will do his share. Be patient with the world, with those about you and with yourself. Don't expect too much of yourself all at once. You don't become a man overnight or in three easy lessons. It takes a lot of living and a lot of learning. Growth and maturation is a gradual, exciting process. Know when to laugh, particularly at yourself now and then. There is nothing to be afraid of. It was said by Franklin D. Roosevelt at a time of great crisis, "There is nothing to fear, but fear itself." The odds are all in your favor if you go with courage, faith and a willingness to pull your own weight in the boat. God bless you.

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

The Future—Where are we going? This series of articles having to do with the present, the past and the future must necessarily outline the needs by which long experience and present day thinking are known to be essentials.

In the previous issue of the BEACON we commented briefly upon the first requirement for a first class organization and specifically mentioned one of the basic reasons for the outstanding accomplishments of our school, its personnel.

The other day our greatest living statesman, Herbert Hoover, in a speech at the celebration of his eightieth birthday in his home town in Iowa, clearly emphasized the dangers of communism and its closely associated isms. Mr. Hoover asserted his faith and optimism in America and our democratic freedom, but, he stated in no uncertain language that we Americans must be alert to the dangers which are threatening us by communism and the trends in governmental policies of the twenty year period prior to the present administration in Washington.

Communism, the direct antithesis of Christianity, is the number one enemy of our way of life. It is our privilege and our duty to those who are to inherit our America to do everything possible to further this faith by which we have been so richly endowed. All of the good things of life have come to us by the grace of God. There can be no compromise.

Farm and Trades School graduates are well known for their active participation in the Church life of their communities. The School needs to modernize its plant by going forward at this time with the long projected plans of a Chapel. This should be our part in the program of advancement for an ever stronger America. A chapel entirely dedicated to the work of God should be made a part of our little home-school community.

### Topics in Brief

The boys are having their summer vacations at home. The vacation periods away from the school are spaced through the summer months so that there are always enough boys at the school to carry on the summer program.

During the vacation period tournaments have been held in many sports, and most of the boys have been participants in one or another of these recreational events. Tennis was by far the most popular of the tournament games, although horseshoe pitching was a favorite of many.

The farm is producing a most ample supply of fresh vegetables and our table is laden with lettuce, radishes, summer squash, beans and other vegetables. The tomato and corn crops give promise of being exceptional.

Summertime visitors to the School are always impressed with the beauty of our island campus. It seems remarkable to some that our flower gardens, lawns, hedges, walks, trees, playground areas and other places of natural beauty are cared for entirely by the boys. Certainly the boys acquire a wealth of practical knowledge, which will be of lifetime value. Competent instruction and supervision, plus the desire of the boys to learn this type of work, is the answer.

A blackberry patch south of our orchard has given us berries in considerable quantity this summer, and we have enjoyed this delicious berry in many ways such as in cake, pie and ice cream. The boys have picked the blackberries in their spare time, and most of the yield has been served an hour or two after being brought

to the kitchen. With cream and sugar it is hard to name a more delicious taste treat.

Our paint shop department is busy at this time painting the exterior woodwork of the power house building. Much of the work has been finished and the "new look" of the building is very pleasing. The basement woodwork is painted battle-ship gray while the upper floor exterior trim is painted white to harmonize with the other buildings on our island campus.

Swimming has been the most popular of many summer sports during the month. Classes in Life Saving and Water Safety are being held, which are attended by most of the older of our boys. Upon completion of the courses Red Cross certificates and emblems will be awarded. Our supervisor, Raymond Thomas, is a certified A. R. C. instructor and conducts these courses. The classes are held daily.

Our band director, Frank L. Warren, has been conducting weekly rehearsals during the summer months and when classes begin early in September the band will be off to a good start. The record earned by the group last year was one of which we are all very proud, and we know that the 1954-1955 band will carry on the good work.

One of the mid-summer adventure trips of the Harbor Ramblers included an excursion to Thompson's Island. Led by Edward Rowe Snow, the group toured our island campus and then held a short meeting in our chapel, after which Mr. Snow showed some of the motion pictures he has taken on similar outings.

The Harbor Ramblers is an informal association composed of those who enjoy the adventure and romance of early harbor history of which Mr. Snow is an

authority. Excursions and field trips are held often during every month of the year.

The boys all have opportunity to keep up with their favorite television programs. We are looking forward to the Channel 2 presentations, which will begin in September, and if the authorities of this new station are able to carry on as they hope, we know that many of this new station's programs will rapidly become favorites. Educational in scope, and supported by private subscription, the station will be free of "commercials" and able to televise fine programs. It will be operated in cooperation with a number of Greater Boston's leading universities.

Friends' Day in July took place on the tenth, at which time a good number of the boys' parents were here.

### A Trip to Washington

A 1912 graduate of the school, "Big Brother" Bob Emery, announced that there was to be a contest in which thirty winners would be flown to Washington on a gala one day excursion. This contest was run in cooperation with the Big Brother Association and Mr. Emery. Each contestant wrote a composition on "Why I Would Like to Visit My Nation's Capitol."

When the winners were announced, to my great astonishment and pleasure, my name and that of Howard Murphy were on the list. I could hardly wait until June 17.

We were at the airport with our parents bright and early on the day of the trip. We boarded a constellation plane of the Eastern Air Lines, accompanied by Mr. Emery, several members of the Big Brother Association, and many newspaper reporters. While en route to Washington we were served cocoa and cookies.

It took about two hours to reach the nation's capitol, and upon landing at the

airport we were told of the plans, which included a sightseeing tour in a large touring bus. Because we didn't want to get lost in the big crowds we did not go inside the public buildings, but we saw them from the bus, and a guide explained the purposes and uses of each building. We alighted at both the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials and were thrilled with these wonderful tributes to two great Americans. We visited the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Later we went to the National Zoo, where we had a tasty picnic lunch.

At 4:30 we boarded another plane for the trip back to Boston. We landed at New York where we saw the skyline and had the principal buildings pointed out to us. Then the trip to Boston was resumed, and on this flight we were served an extra special dinner by the stewardesses. At Logan Airport we said good by to Mr. Emery and thanked him for a trip which we will never forget.

Loren E. Cain

### The Boston Farm School Offering

Sixth in a series of articles reprinted from paper titled as above, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1859.

#### WHAT I LOVE TO SEE

I love to see a man who does not drink strong drink. He will generally be neat, and will not chew that filthy weed called *tobacco*. A man that drinks does not stop to consider that the money he spends in drink during the year would buy his family many comforts.

I love to see a boy who is kind to his playmates; not only *kind*, but one who will not cheat or lie to them. How many a little quarrel has been caused by a boy's lying to or cheating his playmate! Perhaps, in a game of marbles, one tells the other he cheats. Then from that proceed hard names, and sometimes hard blows.

My minister once told me a story about two boys, Billy and John. They

were playing a game called "pins." They played peaceably for a while; when John told Billy he cheated. Then Billy told John that he lied. John, being a boy of violent temper, became angry, and commenced beating Billy. When they were parted it was found that John had knocked out Billy's eye, and just because they were not kind to one another.

I love to see a little boy or girl who will treat animals kindly. How sad a sight it is to see stones thrown at the pretty harmless birds! They never did us any harm. We should love them; for they are cared for by God. It says in the Bible that a sparrow shall not fall to the ground without God's notice.

I love to see a boy try to do the work that is given him to perform, rather than to see the one who says, "I can't." I once heard an anecdote of a little boy. His mother had taken him out with her, while she purchased a few articles. When she got through she brought her little boy a toy. The storekeeper, in doing up the parcel, tied the string in a hard knot. As he was on the way home in the omnibus, he tried several times to untie the knot, but did not succeed. A gentleman, noticing how diligently he worked, offered kindly to assist him by cutting the string. The little boy replied, and said, "No, sir; I thank you: I belong to the 'Try Company.'" Who would not rather be a member of the "Try Company," like that little boy, and "try" to be what *every* one would "love to see?" Who would not rather see a temperance-man than a drunkard? What a difference between them! The drunkard is miserable. His home, if he has any, is out of order, with old hats in the windows, and every thing looking neglected; while the sober man's house looks neat and cheerful.

C. S. Bartlett  
Age 12

Farm School, April 20, 1859

### Additional Alumni Notes

A recent visitor to the school was F. RUSSELL METCALF, '23. It has been some time since he last visited, and he was amazed and tremendously impressed with the progress F. T. S. has made in recent years. He is a graduate of Tilton School and studied for three years at Boston University. He has been married for nineteen years, and has a son, William Stanley, age 14.

He moved to Connecticut thirteen years ago and recently the Metcalfs purchased a new home off Salem Road, in Ridgefield. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf and their son are active in the work of their church, the First Congregational Church, of Ridgefield.

Mr. Metcalf is sales representative of Flannery and Associates of Pittsburg, a concern dealing with store planning fixtures. He has been with this company for many years.

GEORGE H. BRUCE, '45, has finished a session of summer courses at the University of New Hampshire. He writes that it was an interesting and profitable summer, and he made friends with many foreign students from France, India, and Canada. Scholastically he received six credits of A, giving both his morale and average a good boost. He is at present working for the University service department, which job he will hold until classes resume on September 20.

While in the army he earned 18 credits of the Russian language, and he is considering majoring in languages. There is a possibility that he may be eligible for a scholarship to the Sorbonne for his master's degree.

His address is 2 Madbury Court, Durham, New Hampshire and no doubt he would be pleased to hear from his F. T. S. schoolmates.

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THEODORE L. JONES, '50, has received the signal honor of being the first candidate from this area to pass the examinations for the new Air Force Academy, to be opened at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this fall. His mother kindly sent us notice that Ted had been accepted and enclosed the official notice from the academy authorities. We thank her for the fine testimonial she wrote stating that F T S had given her boy the training which enabled him to achieve this goal.

Ted was a student here for five years, and had an outstanding career, winning many honors, including the prized Shaw Scholarship in his final year. He excelled in music, dramatics, athletics, photography and woodworking. After leaving us he continued his education at Watertown high school, and Northeastern University, where he is currently a sophomore. He has earned his high school and college expenses by working in a super market.

We are proud of the achievements of this young graduate and wish him continued success as a cadet in the Air Force Academy.

The new Air Force Academy will rank equally with West Point and Annapolis, and the first class will be composed of 300 young men.

PERCY BUCHAN, a former Liveridge student, became a member of our Alumni Association some years ago. We regret to announce his death on August 6, at his home in Bernardston, Mass. He was, until his retirement three years ago, a veteran employee of the Commonwealth as a tree inspector.

Mr. Buchan was born in Manchester, England, on March 23, 1881. He came to this country as a boy, and lived in Boston and Waltham before moving to Bernardston during World War 1 when the Waltham Watch Company, where he was employed, set up an auxiliary plant in Greenfield. After the war Mr. Buchan decided to remain in Bernardston, where he had purchased a farm, and entered the employ of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Buchan, who was tax collector for Bernardston for 16 years, is survived by his wife, son and daughter and brother, George of Waldoboro, Me., F. T. S. '97.

One of our very latest benedicts is RAYMOND S. METCALF, '21, who was married in July. We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf may include Thompson's Island in their "must" list for an early visit. Mr. Metcalf is a graduate of Tilton School and did further study at Northeastern University. For the past seventeen years he has been employed in the Everett plant of General Electric, in the Control Department. He is currently working in the gas turbine division in the development and perfecting of super jet motors. The Metcalfs live in Cambridge, Mass. at 19 Prentiss Street.

JOSEPH B. MASON, a former pupil, is in the U. S. Navy and is having an interesting time as his ship, the carrier "Lake Champlain," is on duty in the Mediterranean waters. He is a radio man aboard the carrier.

We are always happy to receive news of the alumni, and thank those who thoughtfully keep us so informed.





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### THE OCEAN

What a vast expanse of water it is! The Pacific Ocean was first discovered by Vasco Nunez de Balboa, who was in search of gold, and saw its waters from the top of a high mountain. He entered it in full Spanish costume, bearing the flag of his nation; and took possession of it in the name of his king.

The ocean is full of animals; and among these are the coral insects, which have long feelers projecting from them; and with these they catch the lime and other substances, which, by the strong tide of the ocean, are forced to float. It takes them many generations to get one of these coral islands made; and, after they are above the water, other substances float along, and they also help to form the island, which, if a ship should run against, would not only be strong enough to keep itself from breaking, but possibly break the ship.

On a calm and pleasant day, look at the ocean. How beautiful it looks to see the water sparkle where the sun shines on it! Let us look at the ocean on a cold, stormy, and boisterous day. Look at the vessel as she ploughs her way through the great waves! The sailors think that she will go to the bottom every moment; and

they tremble with fear, and every one expects a watery grave.

In many places, the depth of the ocean cannot be found. The greatest depth that has been sounded is about two miles. "The sea is His, and He made it." The ocean is divided into five distinct parts; viz., Arctic, Atlantic, Antarctic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans.

The Pacific is eleven thousand miles long, and seven thousand miles wide. The Atlantic is eight thousand miles long, and three thousand miles wide. The other oceans are not as large.

Composed and written by

David H. Moore  
Farm School. April 20, 1859      Age 12

### School Begins

The new boys came here on September 6, and that evening we had a beach supper. Later we went to Chapel for the first Assembly of the year. Mr. Meacham read the class lists, department schedules and told us that he expected we would have the best school year ever. Classes began on the following morning. We discussed our courses with Mr. Rose, were assigned desks, and finally we were issued our text books. We have many new boys, and I am sure that they will fit in well and be very happy.

Frederick L. Krueger

### Hurricane Preparation

On Tuesday August 31 a hurricane named Carol by the Weather Bureau struck New England. We all did everything possible to make things safe against the terrific winds which were forecasted. I was one of those who helped the boat instructor. We put extra lines on the PILGRIM III, to make her secure. The gangway was derricked high so as to keep it clear of the predicted abnormally high tide. The WINSLOW and freight barge were beached. Lin Meacham's boat was taken care of. When we were as certain as we could be that damage would be reduced to a minimum we left the wharf, hoping that what we had done would not have been in vain.

Next we went to the storage barn and closed every door and window. We put packages of new shingles against the big doors for support against the wind. We braced the doors in every way we could.

When the storm hit in all its fury we found that our work had been successful. The boats and wharf equipment weathered the hurricane with only reasonable to be expected damage. The barns withstood the storm well, the principal damage being to the roofs. The same story could be told about all of the buildings on the island. It was sad, though, to see so many lovely shade trees blown down and others badly damaged.

Thomas Angelos

### Football

Football season has arrived. In fact the boys hurry the season by playing during the last weeks in August, although it is just tag football. When Labor Day arrives, though, the varsity gets to work preparing for its season, when seven games will be played. There are 22 boys trying for the first team. Those who don't make the starting lineup will be on the second team,

and will get plenty of action. Our first drills were on fundamentals, dummy drill and learning the correct stance for the line and backfield. Mr. Thomas is our coach as he is assisted by Mr. Burckes.

Arthur A. Sprague

### Summer Vacation

The summer passed by more quickly than any other in my estimation. It was my first summer at F. T. S. I worked on the farm as much as I could, milking, haying and doing other farm work. I took time, though, to play tennis, softball, go swimming and have other recreation. I was home for 29 days during which I also worked some, but saw the Red Sox four times and went to several movie shows. Altogether, I had a good summer.

Albert E. Merrill

### A Fishing Trip

When I was on my vacation I went fishing many times. One trip I will never forget was one afternoon when I went with a friend in an outboard motor boat. We set out from Hough's Neck, Quincy and went to a spot near Pig Rock. We were just beginning to catch fish when the wind came up and it began to rain. We decided to get to shore, but alas, we could not start the motor. We tried to row, but found that there was only one oarlock. Just then a lady cruised by and towed us to the Quincy Yacht Club. After we thanked her I phoned my grandfather and he drove to Quincy and brought me home. That was one fishing trip I was glad to see come to an end.

James E. Anderson

### Being a Monitor

After a boy has been at the School for a while, and is in the upper classes, he has a chance of becoming a monitor. Everyone likes this work, because it is a

very responsible duty, and the monitors earn special privileges. Last week, when room assignments were announced for the new school year, my name was included in the monitor's list to my great surprise and pleasure. I have a good roommate and we are monitors on the second floor of B Building.

There are twelve monitors, four in each dormitory, and their duty is to help the supervisor in each building.

Steven R. Wellington

### What to Write

I came into the classroom this afternoon and had English the first period. Our assignment was to write a composition for homework. Although everyone else could think of a subject, I couldn't. During study period I wondered what I would write, and what I could have as a title for my theme. After school I did my homework, except the theme. Later on I looked at my English book and that didn't help. So I decided to write on the subject of how hard it is to select a title and write a theme. This is the result.

Daniel W. Dockham

### A Trip to Plymouth

One day last summer a friend called me and asked if I would like to go to Plymouth, Mass., and be his guest at a sea-shore dinner being given by the railroad. Of course I wanted to go. We had a good ride to Plymouth on the train, and then had a seafood dinner. After this we went to Carver, which is a small town about ten miles from Plymouth. At Carver we went on a ride on the Edaville Railroad. This is a well known ride and goes through some of the Cape's big cranberry bogs. We next returned to Plymouth, and as we had time, we went swimming. We stayed in the water so long that we had to hurry

to get the train back to Boston. I thanked my friend for his treat, for I had a wonderful day.

Carl H. Fletcher

### Birds

Last year our teacher, Miss Baird, gave the sixth graders bird books. I was very glad to get one. The books answer many questions about birds, and tells how valuable they are. For instance, the worse enemy of man are the insects, and these are the chief food of birds. We often see land birds eat insects, but did you ever stop to think that ducks fly low over the water and catch insects? Not only for their friendliness and beauty should we like the birds, but because they help destroy our chief enemy.

Richard L. Sawyer

### A Lesson

Recently a friend and I learned a lesson. We were returning from a bicycle trip to the Blue Hills. My friend suggested a race to a street up ahead. It was an intersection. He beat me easily, but found he couldn't stop. To his horror and mine a car whizzed across the intersection and missed him by inches. He shook like a leaf, and I didn't blame him. The rest of the trip home was uneventful. Both of us were careful, for we had learned a good lesson.

John W. Cronin

### My Wardrobe

After I had been strongly urged several times, I decided to clean my wardrobe. I found things for which I had been searching for over a month. In my wardrobe I had clothes, skates, books, shoes, stamp collection, a small chest, fishing equipment and many other things. I threw away what I didn't want and arranged my things neatly. Now I can find what I want.

Frederick L. Krueger

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

The Future of the School is as solid as America itself. This great service to youth initiated 140 years ago and progressively improving its work generation after generation, has become a home school surpassed in quality by none.

The praises others sing about our graduates and the official reports which come from many sources constitute abundant proof of our product. Among yesterday's reports was one pertaining to a 1954 graduate who has been invited to continue his college preparatory education at another well known private school, *all expenses paid by that school.*

Here we have built around a superb home environment with every phase of a boy's life, development and education given careful thought and attention. This ever-present and emphasized broad program has produced pioneer projects, many of which have been universally adopted in American Education.

Our physical education development and sports program has for its keynote participation by every boy. Intramural sports in every season including swimming and winter sports, provide unlimited opportunity in this department. Our Varsity Teams in recent years have established an enviable reputation as "The Little Giants of Good Sportsmanship." We had our own "Little League" years before the rest of America caught on.

Our need now is a new gymnasium or field house. This is a *must* in present day education. We have a tiny room over the laundry, built for a woodworking shop long before the days of basketball, which we call our gym, and it is here that our own eight intramural teams practice and play, and the varsity team gets its drill here. Visiting teams smile

at our "piano box" facility and some refuse to play here because of its inadequate size. Some day this much needed modernization will come. We hope it will be to-morrow.

### Topics in Brief

Destructive Hurricane Carol arrived on Tuesday, August 31, and within two weeks, on September 11, her sister Edna continued the devastation. New England suffered property damage in excess of \$500,600,000.00 from Carol. Hurricane Edna also caused damage in untold millions. Weather bureau warnings fortunately kept the loss of life relatively low, although the hurricanes exacted a sad toll of victims. Here at the School we prepared for all eventualities. The most serious loss was the destruction of many shade trees, and wind damage to many more. After observing, and reading much about the staggering loss by wind and flood to communities all around us we may well indeed consider ourselves very fortunate. Along with millions of other residents of New England, we were without electric lights or power, and telephone service, although, fortunately, for comparatively short periods. The public boat landing at City Point, which we use, was practically demolished and we used other very inconvenient facilities. In brief, none of us will ever forget Carol and Edna, and we will always be mindful of the good fortune we had in escaping with actually minor damage and inconvenience.

Labor Day was observed by football, swimming and a beach picnic supper in the evening followed by the first assembly of the new school year. It was a busy day for all, as a group of the new boys arrived that morning, preparatory to beginning the new school year with us on the following day, Tuesday, September 7.

The song books used for our weekly assemblies have been replaced by the new edition of the same volume. The old books had been used for several years, and the new edition includes the same numerous popular chorus songs, favorites with F. T. S. boys for two decades.

The fall season brought the king of sports to most boys, football. The varsity team has an interesting schedule and the boys are naturally much enthused over the prospects for this season. Seven games will be played. The younger, less experienced players, will be grouped on intra mural teams, and will compete for the Crosby trophies. The intra mural games are by no means treated lightly, and the boys are organized into well playing units which play a game weekly under Coach Thomas, who supervises this league.

Nothing is so pleasant on a clear day than to sit at our wharf and watch the sailboat races, which are held often by the yacht clubs in Boston Harbor and adjacent waters. This water sport is becoming more popular year after year and at times it seems as though the entire Dorchester Bay is filled with sailing craft of all sizes and types. As the sailors pass by our wharf an occasional word of greeting is expressed, for we have many friends numbered among these amateur sailing enthusiasts.

The boys are enjoying a series of fine moving pictures, which are shown weekly, on Saturday nights. We are able to have the product of the major Hollywood film studios, and strive to show movies worth seeing, from both an artistic and entertainment viewpoint. Often a film which is of rich educational value is shown, in addition to the regular films procured strictly for recreation use. Movie night is a weekly highlight with all the boys.

A Friend's Day was held on August 14, at which time some of the younger graduates took an opportunity to visit us. Of course there was the usual number of boys' parents here to enjoy a perfect summer day. Some of the parents brought guests who were completely interested in the School.

### Our Band

The Farm and Trades School Band is the oldest school band in America, and was organized in 1857. In almost one hundred years the band has had only four directors, and, needless to say, each of the leaders did a magnificent job. The present band director is Mr. Frank L. Warren.

We lost ten of our best players last Graduation, but already some of the new boys are learning to play and the band will be at full strength by next spring. Maybe the band will even be larger than usual.

The band has invested in six new trumpets, and the new instruments will add to the tone quality of the band.

Carleton G. Skinner

### My Experience

I am now in my fourth year at this School. I have lived in Dormitory A since I came here with my brother, who graduated last year. I was in the sixth grade when I came and am now in the ninth grade.

In the years that I have been here I have worked in many places such as the dining room, sewing room, office, kitchen and farm. I liked the farm best of all, especially in the middle of the winter.

For recreation I have played all the major sports, such as football, basketball, baseball and tennis. I also have learned to swim. I have a stamp collection and like to listen to the radio and watch television. This year I am playing drums in the band.

The best fun of all for me is coasting and other snow sports. The front lawn slope, and other places are used for skiing. We build a toboggan slide also. The avenues are used for coasting.

I will graduate from F. T. S. in 1956.

Richard B. Pulsifer

### Power House Work

Last Monday I was assigned Power House work. I didn't think I'd like it, but now I do. On my first day Mr. Baxter helped me and we kept the fires all right with the steam pressure as it should be. On the second day while I was alone I had trouble and the pressure dropped. Mr. Baxter worked the rest of the morning on the fires showing me again how to take care of them. On the next day one of the more experienced boys stayed with me. Now I can take care of the fires all right.

Alexander D. Marinakis

### A Trip to Northern Avenue

During the hurricane of August 31, 1954, the public landing at City Point was demolished. Our boat trips were made to City Point when we could tie up at the wall, which depended on wind and tide. The other trips were made to the public landing at the Northern Avenue bridge. I will tell you about one trip I made to this landing, which is alongside an auxiliary Coast Guard station.

We went around the buoy off Castle Island and passed Fort Independence and saw where Governor's Island used to be before it was levelled for the Logan International airport. Further up, as we went by the Boston Naval Base we saw many aircraft carriers. Then we could smell the fish pier and saw the fishing fleet tied up. This fish pier is famous the world over. We passed Commonwealth Pier also. We saw the Provincetown and Nantasket boats lying at their berths.

On the return trip Mr. Steinhoff, who was pilot, chanced to look out a side window and there hardly thirty feet away, and coming on our starboard, was a battleship. It didn't take us long to widen the thirty feet. It was some experience to see that battleship so close.

Stanton H. Pearson

### 1954 Varsity Football Schedule

October 2

Milton Sophs at F. T. S.

October 9

Thayer Acad. 2nds at F. T. S.

October 16

Newton Sophs at F. T. S.

October 23

Milton Acad. 2nds at F. T. S.

October 30

Braintree Frosh at Braintree

November 6

Matigon J. V. at F. T. S.

November 13

Weymouth Frosh at F. T. S.

### My Vacation

I went on my summer vacation from June 19 until July 5. I spent most of the time in Saugus, where I stayed with friends. I had a wonderful time. Some of the things I did was riding in an outboard motor boat, learning to ride a bicycle, and going to the movies.

One of my experiences was learning to ride a bicycle. I had never ridden one before. I borrowed one from a friend. I first got on by bracing and supporting myself by a fence. After a few tries I did pretty well, and after some more practice I could ride as well as any of the other boys. I took a bike ride through the town, and was glad I knew how to ride.

Harold L. Spurling

### Life Saving

This summer I took the course in Water Safety and Life Saving. The first lesson was land drill, but from the second lesson on most of the work was in the water. We learned many different holds and how to help people who got into difficulty while swimming. Artificial respiration was an important lesson, and our teacher, Mr. Thomas, saw to it that each of us could do this requirement perfectly. The final test was on a Saturday, and I remember it well, because the water was very cold. We all passed and are now proud to say that we are Junior Life Savers, and have the badges awarded by the American Red Cross.

Gary D. Schoonmaker

### Additional Alumni Notes

Alumnus Joseph L. and Mrs. Pendergast have recently moved into their new home which they built just up the street from their former residence. The new address is 95 Hanscom Avenue, Reading.

### A Quincy Patriot Ledger Reprint

A-2C Donald S. Duquet, brother of Atty. Robert W. Duquet of South Braintree, received his new Air Force rating at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi where he is attending electronics school.

A graduate of Farm and Trades school, class of 1951, and Braintree High School, class of 1953, Airman Duquet made his home with his sister, Mrs. Elaine Brodie of 33 Jersey Avenue, Braintree. He is the son of Mrs. Alfred Tolman of Ocean Grove, N. J., and the late Asa M. Duquet.

Airman Duquet is the youngest of five brothers: A-1C Asa M. Duquet, Navy veteran of World War II, presently stationed at Otis Air Force Base, Falmouth; Attorney Duquet, Navy veteran of World War II, and Richard and Kenneth Duquet of Baltimore, Md., Korean war veterans.

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RICHARD A. OSTRANDER, '54, worked this summer at Sandy Island Camp. The camp director and his assistant are Huntington School staff members. They were impressed by our young graduate to the extent that they planned with Huntington officials for him to take competitive examinations for a scholarship. As a result of the examinations our young graduate won a full scholarship for the year, with the understanding that good work will result in a renewal. Congratulations to Richard Ostrander for his good work of the summer, which in turn led to this exceptional educational opportunity at Huntington School.

HAROLD W. EDWARDS, '10, is one of many who have written expressing interest in the football team, and inquiring about the 1954 schedule. We hope he may see one of the games this fall, but he and Mrs. Edwards expect to soon depart on a trip to California, and he may be unable to be here in person, although his thoughts on Saturdays will be with the F. T. S. football team. The Edwards live at 2 Edna Place, New Rochelle, New York.

GODFREY MEYER, '97, is often seen in Boston's leading music stores. For many years Mr. Meyer has operated his own metal plating business, and does a considerable share of fine plating, especially silver, for Boston establishments. He has constantly maintained a deep interest in the school, and in the 57 years since his graduation has noted with great satisfaction the steady and gradual growth of his Alma Mater.

Robert R. Kitching, an instructor at the School for more than a quarter of a

century and an honorary member of the Alumni Association for many years, recently made a vacation trip to the West Coast. While there he visited WILLIAM H. MANSON and HAROLD K. MALMGREN, '39. Both were extremely pleased to welcome Mr. Kitching to their homes where they asked innumerable questions about F. T. S. It has been suggested that, inasmuch as there are several graduates in the West coast area, that an informal alumni club be formed there. A really wonderful idea.

One of our many successful musician-graduates, W. MARSHALL HALL, '27, has decided to devote all his time and energy to his musical interests and is now teaching and playing full time. He is associated with the Hollis Music Company of Boston as an instructor and plays professionally with many prominent Boston groups, as well as directing a National Guard band which has been playing weekly radio concerts. His son, Kenneth, plays with the Medford high school band. The Halls own their home in Medford, at 72 Webster Street, and welcome visits from F. T. S. schoolmates.

JAMES L. ANGELOS, '49, enjoyed a vacation trip by plane to Mexico this summer. He had long wished to take his mother on a really special excursion, and the trip to Mexico was the answer. On a recent visit to the School he brought more than fifty photographs, in color, showing some of the more interesting places he and his mother visited. Mexico is a lovely country and those who saw the pictures made a mental resolution to sometime visit that land.





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### Our Plan For Complete Development By Headmaster William M. Meacham

The basic importance of The Farm and Trades School lies in the opportunities created here for the complete living and happy development of boys through the adolescent ages, from the age of about ten, before the youngster starts his all-important period of natural growing up into manhood, and extending through those most critical changing, formative years into the early teens. The complete life program should be, and here is, built around the boy and young man in order that his present and future will produce for him, his family, his community, America and for God's great, good plan the fullness and wholesome leadership to which mankind was born and is blessed. Here is the home school encompassing not just the arc of formal education but the whole circle of boyhood experience and life.

Formal school education today has a generally accepted pattern or combinations of patterns, especially that group of courses leading to and through the American college. Variations in this pattern are as extensive as the individual school systems and the persons directing or teaching. The quantity of recorded knowledge and the possibilities of yet unknown facts is so vast as to make it humanly impossible for any one person to assimilate

### Special Notice to All Alumni

The Annual Dinner of the Alumni Association will be held on Friday evening, November 5, at the Hotel Continental, in Cambridge. The Dinner Committee has made great plans for the evening and every alumnus should make every effort to be present. The Hotel Continental is one of the finest hotels in this area and the graduates are assured a most pleasant, wonderful, evening.

more than a tiny fragment of available learning. Our school follows a well recognized pattern and also rounds out a boy's life in every direction.

The World was given by God and mankind has inherited the privilege and responsibility of its management. Our aim on Earth is to live happily in the spiritual, intellectual and material things about us, in peace with our neighbors and to propagate and develop another generation qualified to carry on this great plan of life. Wars, crime and other man-made infringements constantly beset us. President Eisenhower is one of the many leaders who firmly believes and fervently practices Godly religion as the ultimate saving of our American way of life, and indeed, of the World. General Matthew B. Ridgway has said, "But the struggle for freedom is never ending. Today we need that same

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## The Boston Farm School Offering

Eighth in a series of articles reprinted from paper titled as above, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1859.

### SPRING

This is the pleasantest of all seasons; for then you see the grass just peeping its head above the ground, where it has so long been hidden from our sight; and we hear the songs of the little birds, after their long absence from us in the warmer climates.

Now the beautiful flowers begin to put forth their leaves; and soon they open their fragrant blossoms, and fill the air with their sweetness. I love to look at the first flowers of spring, they are so pretty and cunning.

In spring the earth is clothed in green; the trees put forth their leaves. How much better the trees and grass now look than they did in winter, when they seemed dried and withered, and appeared to have no life in them!

In spring we see the little lambs frisking about in the sunshine, or nibbling the fresh green grass. The birds pick up their bills full of grass and clay, and build their nests, where they lay their eggs and hatch their young.

The trees open their buds and blossoms; and soon we see the little apples, pears, and plums, and we think how nice they will be when they are ripe. How sweetly the air smells when the trees are filled with blossoms! What month is so pleasant as sweet and sunny May?

Composed and written by

Henry W. Dana  
Age 11

Farm School, April 20, 1859

### A Trip to Maine

A week after I got out of school I went with my mother, father and brother on a vacation trip to Maine. We visited a friend who has a camp in that state, located on a beautiful lake. His son had

a speed boat with a 25 horse power Johnson motor. We didn't use this motor very often, but instead used his father's five horse power motor. One day I was in the boat and I broke the cotter pin. I saw that I would have to row to the camp, but found there were no oars. I was stranded. Luckily another outboard motorboat came along and I borrowed a pair of oars. When I got back to the camp we fixed the motor. I had a good time on that vacation trip to Maine.

William H. Horn

### Milk Tanker Ride

While I was on my vacation I went with my uncle and cousin to Saco, Maine, to get a milk tanker, which is a large refrigerated truck used to transport milk. We arrived in Saco and had something to eat. Then we left for the United Farmers milk depot near Boston. We drove for fifty miles and stopped for a rest. Later, as it began to get dark, my uncle turned the lights on. Altogether there were about 25 lights on the tanker. We arrived at our destination in good time and one of the men there gave us each a quart of chocolate milk. The ride in the milk tanker was fun, and I hope I can have another such trip soon.

Richard B. Ayers

### Getting Freight

I am usually dismissed from class just in time to help with the afternoon freight. I go to the wharf and soon the Pilgrim arrives. If there is freight the boat captain signals for the truck. There are enough boys to help so that it doesn't take much time to load the freight. Sometimes I help the mail boy if he has packages to take to the office. I like this after school activity.

James L. Fennessy

### Introducing Myself

My name is John Stanley Krzyzanowski and I am a new boy here. I was born in 1939 in Vilno, Poland. When I was four years old my family left Poland and went to Germany where I lived for seven years, many of them war years. In 1951 I came to America on a ship from Bremen. I was eight days at sea. I went through the English channel. I'll never forget seeing the Statue of Liberty and the great skyscrapers of New York. I finally arrived at Baldwinville, Mass., and lived there a few months, and then I came to Boston. Now I am at Thompson's Island in the seventh grade. It is very nice here, with football teams, printing presses and many other things to enjoy. The boys are all friends of mine.

John S. Krzyzanowski

### Pledge of Allegiance Revised

Very recently the Pledge of Allegiance has been revised. I thought of this as I looked at a beautiful colored print of the Pledge which is framed and hung in our classroom. The two words "Under God" have been added, and this week President Eisenhower told of the devotion which all true Americans have to God. The revised Pledge now reads:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation Under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

George D. McPeck

### A Boat Trip

After hurricane Carol had broken up the public landing at City Point some of our trips were made to Northern Avenue, near South Station. One day I had to see Dr. Kennedy and left on the Pilgrim at one o'clock. On the way to Northern Avenue we passed the Army Base and saw a number of ships. The fishing fleet was

tied up at the fish pier and I never realized how many boats were working at this business. We got to Northern Ave. and I left for the doctor's office. Later that afternoon I was at City Point but the boat couldn't land anywhere because of the high winds, so I went to Northern Avenue and the boat met me there.

Gerald L. Briggs

### Radio Advertisements

The radio, and television too, are very effective advertising media. We all know what a "commercial" is, and know that it gives us the latest news in clothing, food, health, transportation, household appliances, and almost every commodity which is sold in the country. You and I, and practically everyone has benefited from radio advertising, without which, it is estimated, one fourth of the businessman's income would be lost. The big corporations especially, find nation-wide radio and television advertising to be a necessity. While we may not realize it, most of us depend upon these advertising "commercials" for ideas on getting things we want.

Richard T. Castonguay

### An Unusual Hobby

One of my friends has an unusual hobby, that of raising snakes. His father got him started on this hobby, for on a hunting trip he found some and brought them home. Both the father and son became very much interested and grew to like raising the snakes. Personally, I don't like this hobby. Every so often I visit my friend and watch him care for his snakes. He feeds them white mice. He has many kinds including some which are usually poisonous, but they have been taken care of so that they are now non-poisonous.

Arthur A. Sprague

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spirit of dedication, that same faith in God and in our country which brought America to where it is today. If we can be true to this faith, then America can face the future with unshakeable strength, sure of itself and of its destiny to help in building a better world." *It is upon this premise that the education of youth should and must be founded.* Our goal continues to be to give boys that solid foundation of complete development which we would all like for our own children.

The education of the young includes everything with which, and every person with whom, they come in contact. To the extent that the adults provide the good factors and relieve them from the unsavory, to that extent will a right generation be developed. Some comic books are commonly known to be of harmful influence. There are other unfavorable influences much more harmful in many homes and communities. Certainly we should keep the bad printed matter away from children, but vastly more important, we should take youngsters away from those bad environments. Boys' Clubs, youth organizations and summer camps are extremely helpful but only partial solutions. The home school must go far beyond those needs.

The home school for normal, well adjusted young boys should make maximum provision for every facet of development. In studying the scores of factors in the operation of the complete home school the physical and the mental development essentials should be examined but even more important, attitudes and responsibility, and Godly character development should be at the top of the list. It is well known in business and industry that employee success and failure is to a much greater extent dependent upon personal attitude than upon technical

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knowledge, abilities and skills. The *personal equation* is highly essential. The character and purposefulness of its graduates is the ultimate criteria determining the extent of usefulness and quality of the home school.

These factors are important in the success of this home school service to youth:

1. Spiritual
  - Adult Example
  - Religious Teaching
  - Christian Environment
  - Church or Chapel Facilities
2. Attitudes
  - Development of Responsibility
  - Mail Boy in Town
  - Trades, Maintenance, Marine, Farm
  - Monitor System
  - Assembly and Other Programs
  - Study
  - Sports
  - The Band
  - Boy Scouting
  - Getting Along With Adults
  - Getting Along With Other Youngsters
  - Working Under Direction
  - Sampling, Experience, Incentive Toward Future
3. Right Living
  - Example of Good Adults
  - Example of Other Good Youngsters
  - Contact With Other Good Sports Teams and Bands
  - Visiting Party Groups
  - Visiting Families, Friends
  - Away from Debasing Environments, Effects of Liquor
  - Away from Street Life, City Congestion Influences
4. Good Home Life
  - Happy, Complete Living
  - Devoted Adults of Good Character to Look Up to
  - Living With Little Children
  - Good, Ample, Well Cooked Food
  - Regular, Well Balanced Hours and Activity
- Orderliness and Cleanliness
- Physical Care of Person
- Security
5. Opportunity to Learn About Physical Life
  - Work With Animals and Plant Life
  - The Natural Working Laboratory
  - Abundant Farm Equipment and Processes
  - Mechanical, Electrical, Automotive
  - Trees, Shrubbery, Lawns, Flowers, Bees
6. Appreciation of Art, Natural Beauty, Music
  - This Unique Landscape, Ocean, Sky
  - Good, Interesting Reading Material in Abundance
  - Good, Varied Audio-Visual Programs
  - Good Music
  - Interesting, Instructive Trips
7. Continuity of Boys' Life
  - Adventure, Scouting, Berrying, Camping
  - Swimming, Sports—Intramural, Varsity
  - Arts, Crafts
  - Boys' Club Type Activities
  - Abundant Responsibilities
8. Hobbies, Other Special Interests
  - Photography, Collections, Bird Study
  - Electronics, Automotive, Model Planes
  - Animal Pets, Flowers, Fishing
  - Astronomy, Music, Art
  - Indoor Games, Outdoor Games, Beach Walks
  - Water Sports, Snow Sports
  - Writing for Publication
9. Formal Education
  - Academic
  - Trades
  - Agriculture
10. Every good product deserves a good, continuous publicity program and sales force. Henry Ford, General Motors, Father Flannigan, and all other highly successful good works have recognized and utilized this first principle of advancement.

### Topics in Brief

Hurricanes Edna and Carol caused much damage here, as we reported in our last issue. We have pretty well cleaned up the debris left by these storms, although some of the larger trees which were felled have not been fully sawed and carted away. The removal of the stumps of these trees is another job which will take some time, for their removal is not an easy nor quick job. Everyone has been commended highly for the fine spirit and cooperation shown in the vast amount of extra work which these hurricanes entailed.

The first Friends' Day of the new school year was held on September 17. Inasmuch as this was the first opportunity for many of the new boys to have guests here it was a busy day. The boys' parents took the opportunity to meet the instructors and learn at first hand how their boys were fitting in their new school life. Someone once made the apt and pleasant comment that the pupils and parents constituted one large happy family, and this is evident on visiting days. One can follow easily along through the years also, and note the fact that these friendships formed here are lasting, as can be noted at alumni gatherings, especially on the annual Field Day.

The boys take considerable pleasure in decorating their rooms with pictures which they frame in our sloyd room. There is much excellent work being done there in this line, and for pictures, besides those of friends and family, the boys often secure beautiful colored prints made by the almost unbelievable fine modern processes in the graphic arts field.

There have been some improvements made on our outdoor basketball court this summer, and the boys have very much

enjoyed this sport which was made available for summertime play only recently. Tournaments were held for foul shooting, and these matches were very popular. There is scarcely a moment when the court is not being used by the boys. It is certainly a fine addition to our recreation facilities.

Many of our boys are interested in photography, and some have developed considerable skill in doing their own photo finishing. There is a certain satisfaction in taking good pictures, of course, but the real fun is in getting the film in the dark room and processing it, eventually coming up with pictures which the photographer has completed without assistance. With so much activity about us, cameras are seldom out of use, and it is not uncommon to have photos of school activities in circulation only hours after the shutter on the camera has been snapped.

Many of the boys take considerable pleasure in stamp collecting. This is a hobby which is worth while in many ways, and one which the boys may continue into the adult age. Occasionally some of the graduates correspond with our boys who collect stamps and help them by supplying duplicates from their collections. Many newspapers and magazines feature this hobby and the boys enjoy reading the sections on philately.

Football season has arrived, and to most of the boys this is the favorite time of the year. The weekly games are looked forward to eagerly, and the competition in the intra mural league this year is bound to be keen. The school team looks promising, and we expect a good record by the boys. The varsity will play seven games as usual, while the intra mural league teams will play at least that many. There will be additional games, such as the big Thanksgiving Day contests.

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## Snatch Ball

After supper it is daylight for a little while and we have been playing Snatch Ball. In this game whoever is "It" holds a ball while everyone else tries to snatch it from him. He prevents this by passing the ball to another player. The ball passes quickly from one player to another. When the ball is dropped that player becomes "It" and the game begins again. We always have fun playing Snatch Ball.

Walter C. Grignon

## Night Supervisor

Every other Saturday night another boy and I take the night supervisor's duty. Each of us makes four rounds, and visits strategically located places once every hour, so that if any trouble should develop during the night we can quickly notice it. We have a watchclock which records the exact time of our visit to each place. Our last duty is to call any of the boys who get up early, such as the milkers and power house boy.

Loren E. Cain

## Carol

None of us will forget the big hurricane called Carol. We knew it was coming, but certainly we didn't realize how frightful the winds would be, as they tore across the island. It was certainly a big storm, and maybe we won't see another like it in our lifetime. We had a busy time getting ready for the storm, and afterwards it took a week to clean up. We aren't finished yet, for there are still treestumps to dig up.

Joseph F. McDonough

## My Vacation

After Graduation, summer vacation started. I went to the farm as often as I could. I worked in the vegetable garden and on the strawberry patch. In the middle of July I went home. My family was moving, so for the first two days I helped with this job. I went fishing almost every day I was home. It rained so much there wasn't much else to do. I went to a good movie show and saw "Apache." I went swimming a few times at Wright's Pond and the Cambridge pool. In the evening I watched television. I had a good summer vacation.

John W. Cronin

## Football

Football is the best liked sport at F. T. S. Everyone plays, and the varsity and Crosby league teams play at least one game every week. The varsity has had good teams year after year. When we start each September more than half the boys don't know much about the game, but Coach Thomas develops a winning team every season. In 1952 we were undefeated and in 1953 we only lost one game. All of the varsity games are played on Saturdays.

Paul E. Parker

—It pays to cooperate. Remember what happens to the banana when it leaves the bunch. It gets skinned!

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

ALTON B. BUTLER, '26, President  
Newton, Mass.

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Wollaston, Mass.

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G. GEORGE LARSSON, '17, Historian  
Hyde Park, Mass.

EDWARD V. OSBERG, '24 recently received advancement to superintendent of the National Polychemicals Company. The plant has a 50 acre tract in Wilmington and the first building was erected two years ago. The second building is well along in construction. Mr. Osberg has been a member of the School's Board of Trustees for the past two years. He and Mrs. Osberg were here for the Thayer Academy football game on October 9.

FRED P. THAYER, '03 has for many years been employed as a linotype operator for the Boston Globe. He has kept in touch with the school and alumni association ever since he left the school a half century ago. He wrote recently wishing the football team a successful season. Mr. Thayer lives at 21 Glendale Road, Quincy, Mass.

WILLIAM T. WARFIELD, '47 is a member of the USAF and his duties have taken him from this part of the country. Just recently he wrote the news that he is now based in Springfield and plans to visit us in the near future. He is married and the Warfields are making their home at 152 Locust Street, Holyoke, Mass.

HERBERT E. GOVE, '26, has been employed by the Schuster Woolen Mills in East Douglas, Mass., for the past 25 years. He is married and has three daughters. The Goves own their home in East Douglas.

WILLIAM L. LITTLEJOHN, '36 is a technical sergeant in the USAF. He visited us recently and told of his new assignment,

which will take him to Africa. He is a military policeman and has had many varied experiences while performing his work, including that of being made a civilian sheriff in a southern state during a time of emergency. When Sergeant Littlejohn and his family are located in Africa we will be glad to print their address.

EDWARD A. ATTON, '54, enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard in July. He was here for the October 9 football game, and said that he enjoyed his Coast Guard training, and found little difficulty in accustoming himself to service routine.

GEORGE J. ZEVITAS, '42, has for some time now been working in food service concerns and looks forward to the time when he may operate his own business. He is at present employed in a restaurant in Post Office Square, Boston. His home address is 2 Hewes St., Roxbury, Mass.

WINTHROP DAVIDSON, '40, was a recent visitor. He has been in the U. S. Navy for some years now. His present location is U. S. N. C. B. C. Dispensary, Davisville, Rhode Island.

ROBERT E. LUCIEN, '49, was a member of a National Guard unit when it was activated, thus causing him to postpone his formal education. When his service period was finished he took up his schooling again and prepared for college. He is now attending Boston University. His address is 34 Pleasant View Avenue, Everett, Mass.



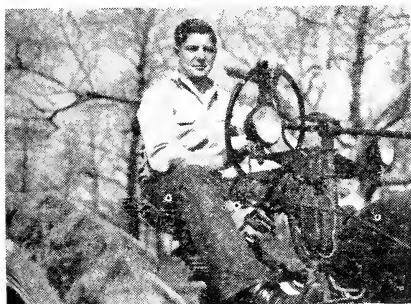
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## Boy of the Month

STANTON HENRY PEARSON, Boy of the Month for October, came to the school on January 5, 1953. His home is in Stoughton. A member of our freshman class, he is 15 years old, is a shade over



Stanton H. Pearson

six feet in height and weighs 192 pounds. As may be inferred, he is one of our bigger boys.

In his nearly two years with us he has had experience working in several departments at the school, including dining room, kitchen, landscaping, and farm, besides helping out part-time in other departments. At present he is one of the power house boys. His very special interest is farm work and landscaping, involving a tractor, and in the picture he is seen at the controls of the "H" tractor, the largest of the three on our farm.

He plays tuba in the school band, takes an active part in class activities and may be counted upon to do his share in all school functions. He was on the junior varsity in football last year, and this year is on the varsity. He plays all sports, although his favorite is football, which he learned to play here.

Among the honors which he has earned are listed a Grew Garden Prize, a major athletic trophy, a minor athletic trophy, performance with the Band at three school music festivals, Star rank in Boy Scouting, acting monitor, and a part in the cast of a major dramatic presentation. He lives in Hayden Dormitory C.

## Hallowe'en

It was Hallowe'en. Everyone was excited! We all went to the gym to get ready for the party. We sat in the hay that was piled on the floor. There were "punkins" all around. The lights were decorated, and there was black and orange paper everywhere.

First we had supper. There were sandwiches, doughnuts, cider, pickles, celery, and "punkin" pie for everyone. I had seven cups of cider. I was really satisfied when I finally finished the meal.

Next we had an entertainment. Some of the boys had skits, some said poems, and some sang a song. I had a poem. It was called "Columbus." I made it up.

The boys that didn't make up a poem  
were given one by Mr. Albee. My poem  
goes like this:

In fourteen hundred ninety-two,  
Columbus sailed across the blue,  
With the Pinta, the Nina, and the  
Santa Marie,  
He discovered America; Yes Siree!  
On Hallowe'en ghost ships appear,  
You'll see them round again this year,  
With two edged swords and armor  
bright,  
They'll be like phantoms in the night.

After the entertainment was over, the  
instructors set up the games. There were  
several kinds of games. One game was  
throwing bean bags through holes in a big  
piece of ply wood. There were different  
scores for each hole. We also had bobbing  
for apples. I got two. We had such games  
as ring toss, darts, hammer game, and a  
balloon game.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the  
party.

Ronald L. Zisk

### Hallowe'en Games

When the games started at the Hallowe'en party, the first game I went to was the hammering game. That game is the one with the nail and the hammer. You put the nail into a log a little way, then you see how many strikes it takes to get it all the way into the log. It took me 7 strikes to get it in.

The game I liked best was the dart game. I got 185 points.

I thought it was a nice party.

Charles J. Brooks

### My Dog

My dog had an experience a while ago which proved to me that he could think. He went with me into the shed, where he had never before been allowed

to go. I noticed him quivering as he watched a wood bin. Presently a mouse hopped in plain sight. Then from the kitchen came the faint odor of hamburgs cooking. He darted from the shed to the kitchen and begged for some hamburger, which he got. He then raced back to the shed where he ate the meat, at the same time keeping on guard for the mouse.

Richard T. Castonguay

### The Boston Farm School Offering

Ninth in a series of articles reprinted from paper titled as above, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1859.

#### THE ORPHAN

Speak kindly to the Orphan;  
Thus check the falling tear  
Of heart-felt grief and anguish,  
That makes the heart to fear.

Let sympathetic tones awake  
And early call to life  
In him the higher virtues,—  
A shield from envy's strife.

Yes, bless the Orphan lonely;  
Nor let the bitter tears  
Of unrequited love bedim  
His young and sinless years.

Remember, no dear mother's hand  
Is here to watch and guide  
The tender yearnings of his soul  
O'er Life's dark, fitful tide.

How sad his way, and lonely,  
Bereft of parents dear,  
Unless the hand of tenderness  
Extends, his path to cheer!

To look above, bid kindly  
The heart's affections warm,  
And learn of Him who holds the power  
The bursting heart to calm.

V. B. S.

### A Train Ride

When I came to F. T. S. I came by  
train with my mother. Our first stop on

the Boston & Maine was East Kingston, N. H. The next stop was Newburyport, Mass. The third and last stop was Salem, Mass. There were many interesting sights to see along the route. When the train arrived in Boston we took a taxi to the Public Landing at City Point.

Richard L. Sawyer

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Cancelled, Rain

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Score: F. T. S. 32 Matignon J. V. 14

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Weymouth Frosh at F. T. S.

Score: F. T. S. 26 Weymouth Frosh 6

### My Euphonium

I play the euphonium in the band. This is a double bell instrument, with five valves, and is capable of producing both the tone of the baritone horn as well as that of the trombone. The parts usually written for the instrument are harmony, obligato and melody. The instrument I use is a beauty. It is silver plated, with gold bells, and was presented to our band by the Rotary Club of Boston in 1947.

Paul E. Parker

### He Fooled Me

I would like to know how Mr. Cameron did the rope trick. He took the rope and cut it, put it back together again. Then he made the knot slide back and forth. The handkerchief trick was solved I thought, because he certainly had substitute ones in his little bag. But the bag was empty. He cut the handkerchief in half, put it together, made it larger, then smaller and finally produced it as it was loaned him. How did he do it? He fooled me, and everyone else, I think.

William H. Horn

### Football

I came to this School in September and tried out for the football team. I began practice with the team on the second day I was here. Hitting the dummies was fun, but the most fun were the scrimmage sessions between the first and second teams. We learned several plays before our opening game with the Milton Sophomores. We won this game 37-7. Since that game we have won four and lost one.

William E. Stewart

### Our Class Election

October 20 was an important day for the sophomores, for we held class elections, voting by secret ballot. Mr. Rose took charge and explained the conduct of the election. Nominations were taken for each class office, and then the voting began. When the ballots were counted it was found that Loren E. Cain was elected president. Other results of the election were: Albert E. Merrill, vice president; Albert K. Ellis, secretary; and Steven R. Wellington, treasurer.

Frederick L. Krueger

### How About It?

The boy who does his best today will be a hard man to beat tomorrow.

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The BEACON is a unique publication as a continuous school announcement of news and the current issue is number 7 Vol. 58. No. 1., Vol. 1, was printed in May, 1897. This well may be, and almost certainly is, the oldest school publication in America. With the exception of one period we believe the BEACON has been going out from our school printing office regularly every month since its inception. When the present Headmaster came to the School in November, 1926 he found that the BEACON was behind schedule five issues. This was soon brought up to date and since that time has been in the mails every month as issued.

The BEACON purports to be a monthly publication by and about the boys at the School for the boys and their families and friends. It is in fact a monthly newspaper without paid advertising. The feature articles are written by the boys. The teachers look over this copy to avoid "murdering of the King's English." The Alumni supply a page of material about the "Old Grads." The Headmaster writes an editorial and the Printing Instructor actually edits the publication. Approximately twenty-five boys perform various parts in putting out each monthly issue, from gathering news, writing material, setting type, making up pages, running the press, stitching, cutting the paper, operating the addressograph machine and taking the finished copies to the Post Office in town for mailing. Thus the BEACON plays an important part in our plan of Boy Development.

Now we are about to run a new feature in the BEACON under the caption *Boy of the Month*. This should be of extra value in our program of happy, constructive living, real recognition of special effort, and interesting to every reader of our superb little paper.

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### Topics in Brief

We had a gala Hallowe'en party on the evening of November 1, inasmuch as Hallowe'en this year fell on a Sunday. A buffet supper was served in our gymnasium, consisting of sandwiches, doughnuts, pickles, cider, pumpkin pie and other Hallowe'en favorites. Following the supper an entertainment was given, during which most of the boys and some of the instructors had a part. Then followed a series of games, stunts and contests in which every one participated. The festivities took nearly three hours, and was without a doubt one of the most successful in our long series of annual Hallowe'en parties.

We were treated to an exceptional entertainment of magic on Tuesday, October 19, when Malcolm E. Cameron, '19, father of two of our pupils, came to present his well known magic show. Mr. Cameron is widely known as one of the best professional magicians on the stage today, and we marvelled at his skill and dexterity, as he completely mystified us. He is tops as an entertainer, and fortunately has the rare ability to mix humor and magic in just the right proportions. We thank the Camerons for bringing to us an entertainment which we will long remember. Mrs. Cameron had an important part in the show.

Interest in football has been held high during the season. The school team has another highly successful season almost completed, and the intra-mural teams are having a good weekly schedule of games. Many of the graduates, and other friends of the school, take the opportunity to visit us on football dates, and their interest in the team is appreciated.

Men have been at work recently repairing damage to our roofs caused by

hurricanes Carol and Edna. The work is supervised by Howard B. Ellis, '98, who has spent a lifetime at this work, and who has taken care of our roofs for more than a quarter century.

Five members of our staff were present at the Annual Alumni Dinner, held in Cambridge on November 5. The Alumni Association is a well-knit organization, and those at the school take pleasure in being invited to participate in its social affairs. This Dinner was a very happy event, long to be remembered as outstanding.

Our winter supply of coal was delivered recently. Workmen trucked the coal from the wharf to the Power House in a matter of two days. We can recall, when, not too many years ago, it took nearly two weeks to do the same job, using horse-drawn carts.

The class of 1955 held an election recently with the following result:

Loren E. Cain, President  
Albert E. Merrill, Vice President  
Albert K. Ellis, Secretary  
Steven R. Wellington, Treasurer

We are indebted to Bob "Big Brother" Emery, '12, of WBZ-TV, for a pictorial account of Hurricane Carol, as it affected the broadcasting station. Sixteen large photos give a graphic description of the damage done. We are glad to have these photos to add to our collection of hurricane pictures.

It was our privilege to see the motion picture "The Story of Colonel Drake" on October 23. This is a remarkable movie, in technicolor, of one of the great industrial achievements in the history of our country, that of the drilling of the first commercial oil well.

We recommend this film highly because of its story of Americanism,—the fact that a man had a dream and the will and initiative to make that dream come true. America has never lacked for such men, and as long as we have freedom to invent, explore and compete we shall go on building a better, stronger nation.

### A Package From Home

Every so often each of the boys receives a package from home. The office instructors notify the boys by putting a notice on the bulletin board. After supper those who have packages report to the office. Before leaving with the package a post card must be made out and put in the mail so that the package will be acknowledged without fail. Then the boy goes to his dormitory and looks over what is in the package. Maybe clothes and perhaps some candy and comic books. From this you may realize why one delights in getting a package from home.

Robert H. Grignon

### Morning Routine

Each weekday morning we are called at 6:15. We have until seven o'clock to get ready for breakfast and clean our rooms. We have breakfast at seven and return to our rooms after the meal. The dormitory supervisor comes through each room checking it, and after room inspection we go to our classes. It is a busy time, even though it is the first hour of the day.

Daniel W. Dockham

### Quite a Dog

One day last summer a little brown puppy dog was found soaking wet near the east side of the island. No one saw how the puppy got there, but it must have had a long swim. Mrs. Burckes saw the puppy and it wagged its tail so that it seemed as though it might fly off. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burckes tried to discover

who owned the puppy, but were not successful. The puppy was adopted by them. It has an appropriate name, "Gypsy", and is a favorite of everybody here.

The puppy has learned how to hunt pheasants, and when Mr. Burckes goes hunting she helps him. When duck season starts Mr. Burckes hopes that Gypsy will develop into a real good bird dog. I don't know her breed, but I think that Gypsy could be called an All-American mutt.

There are several other dogs at the school, and all of them are friendly and are good pets.

Alexander D. Marinakis

### Bobbing for Apples

We had many games to play at Hallowe'en and some stunts. The one which most of the boys liked best was Bobbing for Apples. There was a huge tub almost filled with water, and several apples floating in the water. I think that all who tried got an apple. I had two turns and got two apples. Some really got wet, too. But it was a lot of fun anyway.

George E. Hodson

### Origin of Football

Have you ever wondered how the game of football came about? About 900 years ago some English boys were playing on a beach when one of them turned up a human skull. Because it was thought to be the skull of a Dane the boys began kicking it. Soon sides were chosen and goals set up. Each team tried to kick the skull by the other team's goal. The idea of the game has never changed. Each team wants to gain ground. Football today is like a war almost. A team can take to the air, or stay on the ground. If one studies and watches the game he can become an expert at following the plays.

Harold L. Spurling

### Campus Work

Each morning I report to the supervisor after breakfast. My first job is to put the Flag up. Then I clean the basement in C Building. The rest of the time I spend in doing important jobs which need to be done. During the summer I took care of the flower gardens, mowed lawns, trimmed hedges, kept the tennis court and other play areas in good condition and did many other jobs. This fall I have helped take care of the football equipment. I have worked on the field some days. Each Monday morning I take the football players' towels, socks and whatever else is to be washed to the laundry. I like my job very much because the work is different day by day.

Daniel W. Dockham

### Alumni News and Comments

ELIOT BERNARD, '38, we regret to announce, passed away on September 29, 1954, at the Veterans' Hospital at White River Junction, Vermont. He had been in ill health for three years, and had been in the hospital several times for treatment of a rheumatic heart. He is survived by Mrs. Bernard and three children, the oldest eight years and the youngest three months old.

In a letter to us his mother writes that Eliot often expressed the desire to visit the School but his time was limited to week ends, and his home and work kept him confined to Springfield and Rutland, Vermont.

The sympathy of the Alumni Association, and indeed everyone connected with our School, is extended the family.

LINWOOD L. MEACHAM, '41, has just been elected to membership in the Boston Rotary Club. His Rotary classification is Life Insurance Broker. This means in Rotary that as the Manager of

the Life Insurance Department of the General Insurance Company of Patterson, Wyld and Windeler Lin is the one member representing that branch of business in the Boston Rotary Club of over 400 members. His father, Headmaster William M. Meacham, has held the classification of Education Trade Schools for 25 years in Boston Rotary and is a Past President of the club.

ROBERT W. SANBORN, '50, left September 17 on the USS United States for London. He soon began his college work at the famous University College of the University of London. His courses include psychology, epistemology, metaphysics and social anthropology. We hope to have a letter from him soon telling of his college and social life in London. All we know at the moment is that he is "located in a flat with two chaps and is still in a fog."

### The Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Alumni Association took place on Friday evening, November 5, at the Hotel Continental in Cambridge. Nearly one hundred were present.

Alton B. Bulter, '26, President of the Association, was Toastmaster. Previous to the Dinner he headed the very efficient committee which planned the event.

It was a pleasure of the Association to have several guests present. These included the treasurer of the School, Howland S. Warren, Dr. Arthur Miller and two members of his staff.

Three Honorary members of the Association were present. They were William M. Meacham, Headmaster, and B. Y. Kihlstrom and Robert R. Kitching, long-time instructors at the School.

Several who graduated nearly sixty years ago were present, and they added

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an inspirational tone, for it is certainly true that the "old-timers" are the backbone of the Association. It was most gratifying to have the older boys with us.

Eighteen of those present represented the classes of 1953 and 1954. Each of these was introduced. We may have no fears as to the future growth of the Alumni Association when such outstanding young men seek admission year after year. They were happily accepted into the Association. We hope to have them in attendance at every Alumni gathering, and may each be active workers for the Association and F. T. S.

Mark C. Baird, who has been in charge of the School farm for nearly three decades, was enthusiastically voted Honorary Membership in the Alumni Association. Mr. Baird counts as friends most of our Alumni membership and it is a distinct privilege to have him listed as a brother alumnus.

Speakers at the Dinner included Headmaster Meacham, who spoke of current happenings, all of which vitally interested the graduates. The School treasurer, Mr. Warren, brought greetings from the Trustees and told of his long interest in the School. Dr. Miller spoke of the study being made at the School by his committee. Edward V. Osberg, '24, who had much to do with the preliminary plans for the Dinner and who worked hard to make the party such a grand success, was introduced and spoke of the good work the School is doing and has done for 140 years. Raymond Thomas, '26, coach at the School spoke briefly thanking the graduates for their financial

support of the extensive athletic program.

The report of the Secretary, William C. Burns, '37, was read. Mr. Burns was given a vote of thanks for his good work as secretary from which position he is retiring to become Vice President. The newly elected president is John Patterson, '43, and George O. Poole, '27, will be the new secretary.

G. George Larsson, '17, who has been Historian of the Alumni for decades, gave his usual excellent report. We all appreciate the loyalty and deep interest which Mr. Larsson has shown our Association.

Donald S. MacPherson, '17, our treasurer, gave a complete resume of the Association funds and commented briefly on each. Those who have promoted the Richard Bell Fund over the years were gratified to learn that this fund continues its steady growth.

Clifton E. Albee, '21, introduced the newly elected members of the Alumni and took considerable pleasure in so doing. He also introduced Attorney Robert S. Duquet, '43, who only recently became admitted to the Massachusetts Bar.

The School movies, taken by WBZ-TV technicians under the direction of Bob Emery, '12, last June were shown. To many, these films were the highlight of the evening.

The Dinner menu was excellent and the hotel management cooperated in every way to insure the comfort of our members, for which we are appreciative. The Association owes a vote of thanks, too, of course, to the Committee which planned the very happy and successful event.





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## Boy of the Month

GEORGE EDWARD HODSON, Boy of the Month, came to the School last September 6, and is a member of our sixth grade. He is eleven years old, weighs 88 pounds and is nearly five feet tall. One



George E. Hodson

of our younger and smaller boys, his interest and diligence, together with a keen sense of humor and sparkling personality, have earned for him the admiration and respect of his schoolmates. His home is in West Mansfield.

Although he has been with us for only three months he has already had experience working in three departments, namely the dining room, poultry, and farm. He likes to drive the horses and take care of the chickens. His life ambition is to become an Inspector for the U. S.

Department of Agriculture, and thus he takes special interest in farm work. He is pictured on "Blackie," one of our two horses, and a favorite of all the boys. George and "Blackie" have done many jobs together.

George plays guard and substitute back on one of the intramural football teams. He likes all sports, especially football, basketball and swimming. He is a member of the Bible Club, and only recently passed his Boy Scout Tenderfoot tests. He is a good singer, and is learning to play trumpet. He lives in Hayden Dormitory A.

## The Boston Farm School Offering

Tenth in a series of articles reprinted from paper titled as above, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1859.

### EDUCATION

No one could have a more valuable present than a good education. I cannot see why every man, who thinks of the benefits of a good education, does not try hard to attain it. If a boy will attend school and to his studies, and not play truant, when he becomes a man he will live a better life than a man who has little or no education. I have seen men loafing about the streets with old pipes in their mouths, and unable to get any thing to do to support their families. Such men generally go to the poorhouse.

If a man wants to get a place in an office or in a bank, he must have a good education, or else he cannot get the situation. Can an ignorant man get a vote for any office of his state, or can he be elected as a Senator to Congress? No; the educated men are the ones who are wanted to fill the important offices of the State, not the ignorant men.

Composed and written by

Edward Finnegan

Farm School, April 20, 1859

Age 13

### Intramural Champions

The champion football team of the intramural league was Georgia Tech, captained by Steven R. Wellington, the right halfback of the team. The players on Georgia Tech were:

Donald J. Oke, re  
Howard E. Murphy, rt  
James L. Fennessy, rg  
Paul G. Johnston, c  
John Krzyzanowski, lg  
William H. Horn, lt  
David L. Stewart, le  
Carl H. Fletcher, qb  
John W. Cronin, lhb  
Steven R. Wellington, rhb  
Gary D. Schoonmaker, fb

Substitutes:

Basil T. Veglas  
Donald E. Robicheau  
George D. McPeck  
Richard B. Ayers

### The Lion and Big John

At our Hallowe'en we had a play named "Lion Tamer Wanted." There was a sign which announced the play tacked on the front of the screen. John (Big John) Krzyzanowski came on the stage and sought the lion tamer job. There were shrieks and moans and Big John's clothes were seen being thrown from the lion's cage. Soon everyone could see that

Big John wouldn't be a good lion tamer. Richard Sawyer came by and saw the sign. "Just the job for me," he said. He went boldly into the lion's cage and subdued the wild beast. The lion was played by Joel Robbins. It was a very funny play.

Willard J. Boulter

### Honor Roll — Fall Term

The highest academic averages in each class group

#### Sophomore Class

Albert E. Merrill  
Loren E. Cain  
Richard T. Castonguay  
Carleton G. Skinner

#### Freshman Class

Carl H. Fletcher  
James P. LaGrassa  
Eighth Grade Division A  
Robert H. Grignon  
Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

#### Eighth Grade Division B

James A. Clough  
Thomas C. Cronin

#### Seventh Grade

Walter E. Grignon, Jr.  
George D. McPeck

#### Sixth Grade

John D. Cameron  
Ronald L. Zisk

### Best Citizenship

"A" Rank general conduct and effort  
in each class group

#### Sophomore Class

Gerald L. Briggs  
Loren E. Cain  
Richard T. Castonguay  
Albert K. Ellis  
William F. James  
John E. Lennon  
Albert E. Merrill  
Paul E. Parker  
Gary D. Schoonmaker  
Chester G. Searles

Carleton G. Skinner  
 Arthur A. Sprague  
 Harold L. Spurling  
 Steven R. Wellington

Freshman Class

Daniel W. Dockham  
 Larry E. Garside  
 Alexander D. Marinakis  
 Howard E. Murphy, II  
 Stanton E. Pearson

Eighth Grade Division B

Donald J. Oke  
 Ronald A. Oke  
 James A. Clough

Seventh Grade

James L. Fennessy

Sixth Grade

John D. Cameron  
 George E. Hodson  
 Ronald L. Zisk

Vacation Fun

Last summer I spent my vacation at Martha's Vineyard. During the first week I went swimming and fishing. I visited my brother over the weekend at a small place at the northern end of the island. He and I went spear fishing. We had a good time. When we were getting ready for bed that night a friend of my brother came to the house and showed us what he had caught. It was an ocean bass weighing 47 pounds. What a beauty!

Barry R. Fuller

Class Meetings

We have recently elected the class officers of the Class of 1955. Mr. Rose gave us instructions as to parliamentary procedures and we conduct our meetings in strict accordance with the rules. In our class a majority on a quorum consisting of twelve is needed to pass any action. The class president presides at all meetings, and does not vote unless his vote is needed to decide a tie.

We have four class officers, the president; vice president, who takes the chair in the absence of the president; the treasurer who records the financial business of the class, and the secretary who keeps a record of all class meetings and reports on them.

Loren E. Cain

A Plane Trip

Before I came here I lived in Denver. My mother and I came to Boston by train to visit relatives. I went back home to Denver by plane, and my mother stayed in Boston. It was a very interesting flight. While I was on the plane I met a man who lived in Denver. I found out that he worked for the same company as my father. He got off the plane at St. Louis and I went the rest of the way to Denver without his companionship.

George D. McPeck

Magic

I have an ambition, that of becoming a magician. My father has been a professional magician for many years and has travelled all over the Eastern United States with his act. He has bought me the equipment that I need in getting started. The first show I gave went off all right, but I was very nervous. Later I performed at the Brockton Fair before 200 people and was entirely free of stage fright.

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

Warning—*Don't Gossip*

A man's reputation is not in his own keeping, but is at the mercy of the tongues of others. The throwing out of malicious lies against anyone leaves a stain which no after-refutation can wipe out. To create an unfavorable impression, it is not necessary that certain things be *true*, but that they have been said. —SELECTED

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

We believe that "character" is the quality of human life so akin to Godliness as to be the key note of successful, happy living, not only in each of our own little orbs but throughout the world.

The question is sometimes asked why we use the phrase, "A Private School for Boys of Excellent Character." There are two reasons. One is that "character" is the quality around which our whole program is built. Secondly, and we must face the fact, many of the uninformed public hesitate to consider our school for their boys or recommend the School to their friends *because* they have heard it as a State School for wayward boys, in words spoken all too often, "a reform school."

The nearest answers to these extremely detrimental impressions from literally thousands of people are:

1. There was a school for delinquent boys on Rainsford Island about fifteen years. That school in recent years became unsuccessful and was abandoned.

2. Our school has never had a real publicity department so it is assumed there must be some reason for keeping it quiet.

Parents of prospective candidates for admission call the school, and say, "I just heard that The Farm and Trades School is a school for *good* boys. I always supposed it was a place for *bad* boys. My boy is a good boy and I don't want him to go to a school for bad boys."

We recently read the following quotation which is definitely common knowledge among all employers: "The most important quality in an employee is not skill; it is character. A man of good character can acquire a skill; a man without character rarely becomes a desirable and profitable employee in a legitimate business."

### Topics in Brief

Thanksgiving Day was a glorious holiday. The Feast was all one could desire, and we are sure that even our youngest boys realized the religious significance which has marked every Thanksgiving since the early days of our nation's history. Our tables were bountifully laden with the traditional roast turkey, surrounded by a variety of vegetables, fruits and candies.

In the morning the younger boys played football. The weather conditions did not permit using the football field for the game, and the boys played on a substitute area. This Army-Navy game was hard fought and resulted in a 6-0 victory for Navy, captained by Robert Grignon. Fred Krueger led the Army team.

The big game of the season, Harvard-Yale, was postponed until the following weekend. This was a thriller, and one of the best games we have had at the Thanksgiving season. Arthur Sprague led the Harvard team to a 15-12 victory over Yale, captained by Albert Merrill. It was either team's game until the last quarter when Harvard gained a slim lead and held on until the final whistle.

A fine motion picture was shown in the evening, closing a busy and happy day.

Our band director, Frank L. Warren, was injured in an automobile accident early in November, but is now happily on the road to a complete recovery. The Band will play two concerts soon, one for the Baptist Social Union on December 6 and again on the eighth, when the boys will participate in Boston's famous Christmas Festival on Boston Common. We will report on these concerts in our next issue.

The football season is drawing to a close, and basketball will soon take over

as King of the winter sports. The gymnasium floor has been varnished, the basketball court relined and a few minor repairs made so that the hall is in good condition for another of our always vigorous, exciting and interesting basketball seasons.

The fall term of school ended on November 18, and examinations were held on the following four school days. The winter term commenced on Monday, November 29.

Christmas is a busy season here, and there is a general tone of excitement, gayety and surprise, intermixed with the work of rehearsals for the Christmas religious drama, choir practice for the concert, addressing cards, going in town for shopping trips and the other hundred and one busy things associated with the season. It is certainly a joyful time. Truly, memories of a Thompson's Island yuletide are life lasting.

We had another in a long list of top notch football seasons again this year. Of the six games which the varsity played the team won five and lost one. A seventh game was cancelled because of rain. The younger boys on the intra mural teams likewise had a good season, playing their weekly schedule of games. Our facilities for playing this sport are admirable, and the teams are furnished with excellent equipment, and, of course proper supervision and coaching under the direction of our coach, Raymond Thomas.

It was our pleasure to have an outstanding motion picture on November 27. Victor Hugo's masterpiece, "Les Misérables", as brought to the screen, received the highest endorsement from Parent's Magazine, a prime reason for its listing on our weekly film programs.

This film is historically highly accurate, and the mode of living in those times, together with the costuming and, of course, a fine cast, made the film outstanding.

The picture gives a good description of the social system of the 19th Century France, when private property was respected above human needs and law above justice. The film was powerful and understanding, and very much worth while.

### A Reprint

*From the Brockton Enterprise, Nov. 16, 1954*

Three Brockton boys are members of the Farm and Trades School football team of Boston, which completed a successful season Saturday afternoon by defeating Weymouth Freshmen, 25-6.

They are Loren E. Cain, 15-year old son of Mrs. Helen Cain, 51 West Rosseter street, who has played with the team five years; Joel Robbins, 14-year old son of Mrs. Chester Robbins, 634 Montello street and Bill Stewart, 14, son of Mrs. Ethel Stewart, 11 Tribou street.

Cain was the starting right guard on the team which sustained only one defeat while winning five. All of the club's victories were achieved by one-sided scores.

A member of the school's graduating class, Cain joined the team when 10 years old and was one of the youngest players ever to see football action at the school. An all-round athlete, he has starred in swimming, tennis, track and basketball. When not competing in sports, Loren plays trumpet on the school's renowned band, which is the oldest boys' school band in the country.

Cain has been a regular lineman the past four years and played a key role as the team compiled an undefeated record in 1952. Loren's brother, Bob, graduated in 1953.

Robbins and Stewart are attending the school for their first year. Both were reserve linemen who played every game.

Farm and Trade is a year-round private school for boys of unblemished character. The school has an enrollment of 65 boys from New England and New York. They get a college preparatory training plus practical and theoretical knowledge of some trade.

The football team, which often ranks among the best Class D schools in the state despite its small enrollment, plays second teams of high school varsity elevens.

### Reading Classes

Those of us who are slow readers are being given extra help. We have books which are made up so that the reading speed and comprehension of the reader are determined. After a winter of this extra help we slow readers should be able to read at an average speed, and be able to remember what we read.

In the lower grades, if a pupil reads slowly he holds the class back, and most always the teacher skips by him and lets the better readers do most of the work. The slow reader doesn't get much help. He doesn't improve. A slow reader also takes so long to do his home work that he doesn't have much time for recreation.

We are glad that we can have this help, and our teacher has told us that reading speed and ability can be developed through study. We hope to become good readers.

Larry E. Garside

### How Did He Do It?

Mal Cameron, one of our graduates, came down and gave us a good magic show. He did a lot of tricks. The one which baffled me the most was one he did with jewelry. He borrowed three rings

from the instructors and asked Christopher Routenberg to help him do the trick. Mr. Cameron first put the rings in a handkerchief and asked Chris to drop them into a glass which had some water and magic powder in it. What do you suppose happened to the rings? They disappeared! But Mr. Cameron found them, each one securely locked in a set of strong boxes. The owners were glad to get their rings back, and each ring had a rose attached to it. I liked all the tricks but best of all I liked this ring trick. Richard L. Sawyer

### Printing

One of the departments I wanted to work in is the Printing Office. On Labor Day evening there was an Assembly, at which time Mr. Meacham announced the department work for the new school year. To my surprise and happiness he read my name as that of a printing office boy.

My work consists of setting type, and many kinds of jobs are done in the printing office. I learn how to feed presses, operate the paper cutter and stitching machine. I help the printing instructor with the lessons for the sixth and seventh graders who come in the printing office each day.

The big job which we do is the BEACON. We get each issue out on time and we concentrate on the paper if it seems as though we may be late. This is the 58th year that the school paper has been printed.

Another job I have is to see that the printing office is clean and neat, for we always want to be ready to receive visitors.

Steven R. Wellington

### Paint Shop Work

I have been working in the paintshop since September and I like it very much. Our instructor has taught us many things such as how to mix putty, set glass, and,

of course, how to paint. We have accomplished very much, I think, in the short time I have been a member of the paint shop crew. We have finished a room in the main building and are now redecorating the dining room. I have found out that I can do many things that I never thought I could learn to do. I wouldn't trade my job for any job here.

Gary D. Schoonmaker

### Wreckage Hunting

As you know, we have had some violent storms this season. After each storm there are unusual and interesting things to be found on the beach. One day I went with a friend to see what we could find. We took our cameras and got several good pictures. There were parts of several small boats washed high on the beach, and on a plank we could easily see the name of a once-proud craft. Almost all of the wreckage was the result, I think, of the two hurricanes. My friend and I had a pleasant hike, and returned to the dormitory in time for supper.

Carleton G. Skinner

### Additional Alumni Notes

CLYDE W. ALBEE '33, has built many outstanding exhibits for the Boston Museum of Science, where he is chief carpenter. This fall an unusual piece of his work has attracted wide attention. This is a bee hive with plate glass windows, so that visitors can observe these remarkably efficient insects in action,—building honeycombs, rearing young, returning from flights to the Public Gardens, and their other marvelous life actions. The observer can learn much from this exhibit, such as the identity of the queen bee and her function, and likewise of the workers and drones.

Our readers, who have not seen this bee colony at work, will find a trip to Science Park of tremendous interest.

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ARCHIE V. N. BEEMAN, '24, with Mrs. Beeman and five of their six children, visited the School on November 26. It was a pleasure to renew friendships once again with Mr. and Mrs. Beeman. Mr. Beeman has been a subscriber to the BEACON, and has held a deep interest in every phase of his alma mater, through the years, even though his family and business have kept him pretty close to home, and restricted visits to F. T. S. activities.

After leaving F. T. S. in 1924 he made his home in Philadelphia, and entered the electrical trade. Later he formed a partnership and opened a small shop. Then he decided to go into business for himself and the Beeman Electric Motor Company was born. By hard work the company prospered and today he employs eleven workers. The shop is located at 211 North 3rd Street, in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Beeman are the proud parents of six wonderful children, five of whom were here for the visit. The oldest, Joseph, 16, is a member of the Frankford high school football team in Philadelphia and stayed home to play in an all important late season championship game. Those who were here were Dorothy 15, Theodore 14, Katherine 13, John 12, and Betsy 11.

Our readers may correctly surmise that the Beemans are pretty busy with family life. Yet Mr. Beeman has found time to be active in the Masonic Lodge, is a committeeman in the local Boy Scout Troop, and a Deacon in the Heidelberg Evangelical Church. We neglected to ask Mrs. Beeman her personal interests, outside of her family, but are quite sure

she is an active worker in school and church activities.

We were glad to have the Beemans visit us. It was a pleasure which we hope will be repeated before too great a time has elapsed!

The Beeman home is at 6116 Bingham St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THEODORE L. JONES, '50, is hard at work at the Lackland A. F. B. doing preparatory work which will equip him to become a Cadet in the newly authorized Air Force Academy. He writes that it is expected that one half of those accepted will be dropped, and he doesn't intend to be included in that category.

He writes that the living accommodations are excellent and the food of the highest quality. He is quartered with two boys from the South in a dormitory quite like those at F. T. S.

He has been at the air force base now for nearly a month and is undergoing exactly the same basic training which all air force enlistees receive. He expects this basic training to be entirely to his advantage when actual training as a Cadet begins. He is a busy young man.

He would be glad to hear from his Thompson's Island friends. His address is Theodore L. Jones, AF 11293489, Flight 1142, P. O. B. 1524, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

GEORGE O. POOLE, '27, alumni secretary, is about to prepare an accurate mailing list of all alumni. If you know of graduates whose addresses are not on the alumni list, won't you kindly send this information to your secretary, whose address is 73A Lawrence Street, Medford.





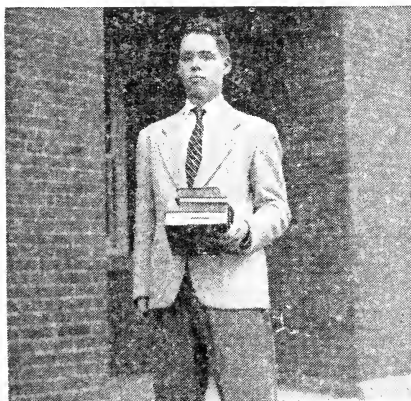
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## Boy of the Month

HOWARD ELVIN MURPHY, II, Boy of the Month, came to the School in September, 1952. He is sixteen years of age, weighs 145 pounds and is 5 feet, 8½ inches tall. He is a member of our freshman class, and lives in Scituate.



Howard E. Murphy, II

In the two and a half years he has been a student here he has had a wide variety of experiences in many departments, including the kitchen, dining room, dormitory, maintenance, laundry, boat and farm. On occasions he has substituted for the night supervisor, an extremely responsible assignment which he has handled well. As may be seen, he has had a generous sampling of many work

experiences and he prefers the farm work to that of any other department. He plans to attend higher schools and major in animal husbandry.

He is one of a group of student librarians and enjoys this work thoroughly. Books are a hobby with him. He is treasurer of his class and has a reputation of being ready and willing to do more than his share in class and general school activities.

He has played on the intramural teams in both softball and football. In the 1954 football season he was a valuable lineman on the champion team.

He had the honor of being one of 30 winners from this area in the WBZ-TV "Big Brother" Bob Emery contest held last June. The group enjoyed a historical excursion to Washington, D. C. by air.

He lives in Hayden Dormitory B, and since last September has been one of the four monitors in that dormitory.

## The Boston Farm School Offering

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### RUM AND TOBACCO

Rum is a very bad enemy to man. It does no good, but it does much harm to every one who drinks it; but it weakens the flesh, and hurts the mind; and it makes the one who drinks it almost crazy. A good man or boy will not drink rum for it is not good to drink.

I have agreed not to drink rum or any other liquor; and I will stick to my promise as long as I live, and then I shall be a temperance-man if I live long enough.

Many who drink rum will chew tobacco; and all but those who love tobacco will say that it is a filthy weed.

I hope the time will soon come when every one who drinks rum will turn aside, and say, "No: I will not be a drunkard any longer; but I will be a temperance man." I would advise all boys to be temperate.

Composed and written by

T. J. M'Namee

Farm School. April 20, 1859

Age 11

### Australia

The continent of Australia is nearly three million miles in area. It is slightly smaller than the land area of the United States, so you see it is a big country. The capital city is Canberra, and visitors are sometimes amazed to find it so like our own national capital of Washington. A big industry in Australia is agriculture.

There are many strange little animals on the continent, such as platypuses, kangaroos and Koala bears. Some unusual, and native birds are the lyrebirds, emus, and the kookaburras.

George E. Hodson

### Spelling Lessons

We have a spelling work book for each boy in the seventh grade. Each week we have a new list of words to master. On Monday we copy the new words and on Tuesday we study them, and learn the meaning of each word. On Wednesday we have a spelling test and on Thursday we have a spelling match on the new words and some words in other lessons which we have failed on. When Friday comes we have a final test on the week's assignment.

Richard L. Sawyer

### A Nice Gift

Our teacher, Miss Baird, gave each of the boys in the seventh grade a globe of the earth. We use it for history and geography. It is large enough so that even the smallest countries show up clearly. It is interesting to see just where Formosa is located and how the communists plan to eventually capture that island.

On the top of the globe there is a world time dial which tells the time of any location in comparison to the time of any other. On the base there is embossed pictures of means of transportation, such as trains, ships, trucks, planes and busses.

Joel C. Robbins

### Farmwork

I go to the farm every morning after breakfast and help wherever I can. This morning I worked in the cow barn. I brushed and currycombed the cows. Then I put hay in the bull pens. I helped sweep the barn and my work was finished for the morning.

Kenneth Ford

### The Poultry Show

Our poultry instructor, Mr. Kitching, took six of us to the poultry show on January 20. We went to Mechanics Building and when we got in the halls we were surprised to see so many present. There were a great many booths and exhibits, and those which I liked best were the incubators where the eggs were cracking and being hatched. I had fun with the baby goats and the ponies. It was a good trip.

Thomas J. Walker

### The Nut League

Basketball season has begun, and we have ten teams playing. The oldest boys play on the varsity first or second teams. The next best players are on the four Sears league teams, and the new boys and those who can't play too well are on the four Nut League teams. I play in the Nut League.

Willard J. Boulter

### The Christmas Concert

"There is Room in the Inn," a religious play in one act by Aileen Humphrey Yinger was given by a cast of nine boys as the principal feature of our Christmas Concert, given on Sunday, December 19. Each of the boys gave a superb performance and deserves praise for his fine work.

The play portrayed admirably the age-old story of Christmas, that of giving of one's self for the benefit of others. The principal character, Jotham, had a hard and selfish heart and as innkeeper catered only to prominent and wealthy patrons. The play showed his transformation to an innkeeper whose only thought was to serve both poor and rich alike. The play taught the valuable lesson of life—that each of us can do tremendous good in helping others. We must never underestimate our potential for good.

A choir of sixteen sang two Christmas hymns, and their music added much to the program. Readings, a Christmas prayer, and congregational singing of Christmas carols completed the concert.

The program follows:

### PROGRAM

HYMN 211—Silent Night, Holy Night  
Congregation

POEM—Let us go even unto Bethlehem  
Chester Searles

HYMN 407—O Come All Ye Faithful  
Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING and PRAYER  
Harold Spurling

SELECTION—The First Noel  
Choir

THE CHRISTMAS PLAY—  
There is Room in the Inn

SELECTION—Away in a Manger  
Choir

HYMN 217—Joy to the World  
Congregation

### CHOIR MEMBERS

Thomas Angelos	John D. Cameron
James L. Fennessy	Barry R. Fuller
Walter E. Grignon Jr.	George E. Hodson
William H. Horn	William F. James
Philip G. Johnston	James P. LaGrassa
George D. McPeck	David L. Stewart
Ronald Taurazas	Basil T. Veglas
Thomas J. Walker	Ronald L. Zisk

### "THERE IS ROOM IN THE INN"

A Christmas Play by Aileen H. Yinger  
Time—Christmas Night  
Place—An Inn at Bethlehem

### THE CAST

Jotham, the innkeeper	Carleton G. Skinner
Mary, his wife	Steven R. Wellington
David, a servant boy	Christopher A. Routenberg
	Guests at the Inn
Ibzan	Alexander D. Marinakis
Eli	Albert K. Ellis
Zorah	Arthur A. Sprague

### The Three Wisemen

Caspar	Stanton H. Pearson
Melchior	Joseph S. Lombardo
Balthasar	Larry E. Garside

### Assisting in the Production

Loren E. Cain
John E. Lennon
Daniel W. Dockham

### My Record Player

I have had my record player for more than a year now, and enjoy it very much. I have a good collection of records, some popular, some band, and some classical. My player has three speeds, so I can play all the popular size records. Once I took my record player to class and played a Beethoven record which our teacher had.

Ronald L. Zisk

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Moses Grant appears in the first complete alphabetical list of 119 participants in the Boston Tea Party of the night of December 16, 1773 as assembled by the well known Historian, Edward Rowe Snow, in his latest book, *Amazing Sea Stories Never Told Before*, which is just off the press.

Several of Mr. Snow's books have illustrated portions devoted to The Farm and Trades School and our Island, especially notable in his first book, *Islands of Boston Harbor*, which is now out of print and the First Edition is a real "collector's item."

The name, Moses Grant, caught our eye in perusing this latest masterpiece of our good friend and neighbor because a large, framed portrait of Moses Grant, one of the founders of the School, hangs above the entrance doorway to our great assembly hall.

Our Moses Grant was a member of the Board of the School from 1833 to 1862 and Vice President of the Corporation most of this time. Because of the dates, other known points of interest, the name, and especially the fact that so many of the families of colonial Boston and descendants of those old families have been and still are closely associated with the affairs of the School, it is practically certain that this Moses Grant was the son or grandson of Moses Grant of Boston Tea Party Fame.

The Farm and Trades School has in so many ways been tied to, wrapped up in, and in fact a part of the history of Boston, and indeed a real part of the development of America as we know it today. We are still building on the firm foundation of those sturdy pioneers of yesteryear, being one of the few home schools in America with a well rounded, broad program of living and development for every boy. The quality and excellent

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citizenship of virtually every alumnus of the school during the 140 years of service proves the superior judgment and foresight of those great Americans who have brought this institution into being and fostered it through good times and bad.

### Topics in Brief

We received hundreds of greeting cards during the holiday season and were thrilled at being remembered by so many alumni, former instructors, and friends of the School. The F. T. S. family is large and certainly enthusiastic for every phase of life at Thompson's Island. We take this opportunity to thank those who sent cards and to wish each and every one a very Happy New Year.

Our Band had the pleasure of giving a concert for the Boston Baptist Social Union at the occasion of the December meeting of the Union, at the George Brown Hall of The New England Conservatory of Music, on Monday, Dec. 6. Mr. Leslie G. Rawding, President of the Union, arranged for our boys to be present and we thank him for his interest. The Band did a fine job and was called upon to give several encores.

Christmas was a happy and joyous season at the School. Days in town for shopping, rehearsals for the Christmas concert, holiday parties, making gifts, wrapping and mailing holiday packages and the thousand and one other activities which make for an F. T. S. Christmas were all part of our Christmas season. No one who ever spent a Christmas season at Thompson's Island will ever forget the wonderment and joy of the holiday season.

Our Band was one of many musical groups which participated in the great City of Boston Christmas Festival, an

event which extended throughout the month of December. The boys played a concert of Christmas music on historic Boston Common.

Santa Claus, in the person of TEYET RAMAR II, '53, arrived at the School early Christmas morning and the distribution of huge piles of gifts took some time, even though Santa had Headmaster Meacham and six of the boys as assistants. Each boy received a gift from F. T. S., and many from friends of the School, so that every boy was well remembered.

"There is Room in the Inn," a religious play by Aileen Humphrey Yinger, was superbly enacted by a cast of nine boys, and formed the main part of our annual Christmas Concert. The cast and three others who helped with the stage planning, deserve high praise and commendation for their outstanding work. The Concert, which was held on Dec. 19, was also featured by our sixteen voice choir, which sang several Christmas hymns.

Fred Foye, editor of schoolboy sports for the Boston Traveler and Yankee Network, arranged for our school to be represented on his Christmas Night program. Mr. Albee of our staff, with pupils Steven Wellington, Albert Merrill, Loren Cain and Christopher Routenberg were on the program telling of our School and, in particular, Christmas Day on Thompson's Island.

Howard B. Ellis, '98, has been here for several days with his crew of roofers repairing damage caused by the two hurricanes. Temporary repairs have been made permanent, and shortly all hurricane roof damage will have been taken care of.

For many years Mrs. Arthur Adams has kindly provided funds for an entertainment at the School on Christmas Day.

This year we had the technicolor movie, "Stars and Stripes Forever," the story of the highlights in the life of John Philip Sousa. With two thirds of our boys studying instrumental music, and the Band so popular, this film naturally was very well liked. We thank Mrs. Adams for her kindness.

### The Radio Show

On Christmas Night Mr. Albee took Albert Merrill, Loren Cain, Steven Wellington, and me to the Yankee Network building, for we were going to tell about Christmas on Thompson's Island on the weekly Fred Foye program.

When we got to Kenmore Square we had a little lunch and then went to meet Mr. Foye. He was delayed, and so when he met us it was nearly time for the show to begin. He took our names and seated us in a row, so we could step to a microphone when he signalled.

The announcer, Ed Young, and Mr. Foye, and other guests, were seated at a large table on which there were two microphones. When there was about a minute to go we were warned and sat waiting. Then the program began. One by one we were introduced and told our story. There was no time to prepare written speeches to be read, and I guess the program was better without them. Everyone spoke well, and in what seemed to be a very short time the program was over.

We had a tour through the main studios after our broadcast and saw the big pipe organ, the largest in any radio studio anywhere. We were each given a two pound box of chocolates. Then we left the station and went to a restaurant where we had a good dinner. We got back to the School in time to see the Christmas movie, "Stars and Stripes Forever." We sure had a good time.

Christopher A. Routenberg

### My First Band Trip

Last Sunday I went on my first band trip. We left the island at 1:45 and left City Point on a chartered bus for Freedom House in Roxbury. The Boy Scouts of District One were having their annual show. We played an overture, "Gypsy Festival," the hymn, "America" and "Show Boy" March. There was an award of prizes. We left at four o'clock.

Philip G. Johnston

### Dormitory Work

My work each morning is to clean the dormitory. First I do the bathrooms, then sweep the corridors and stairs. After this I do whatever is most needed, such as waxing the corridors, or washing walls or windows. There is always plenty of work in the dormitories.

Walter E. Grignon, Jr.

### Church Services

We have a church service every Sunday evening. Our minister is Mr. Beauregard, who is a student at Gordon Divinity School. We first sing several hymns, accompanied by several of the band boys. Then we have a scripture reading and a prayer, followed by a sermon by Mr. Beauregard. The service is ended with a prayer and hymn.

William H. Horn

### A Bus Trip

I live in Springfield and when the day to begin Christmas vacation came I found out that I was going home by myself. Mr. Baird took me to Park Square where the bus depot is and I got on the Springfield bus. I had a good ride and when I got to Springfield my mother was waiting for me. I returned by myself, too, and Mr. Thomas met me and drove me to the boat landing.

Charles J. Brooks

### Christmas

When we awoke Christmas morning we found a stocking on our bed filled with fruit, candy and a novelty, among other things. After breakfast we did necessary work and at nine o'clock we went to the wharf to meet Santa Claus, who was Teyet Ramar, II, a graduate. He came to Chapel and soon we were receiving our gifts. It took about an hour to give them out. In the afternoon we played with games we got for Christmas and after supper we listened to a radio program that four of the boys were on. Then we had a Christmas movie, "Stars and Stripes Forever." This was a wonderful picture. As you can see, we had a grand time on Christmas.

Richard B. Ayers

### Our House Party

The boys in Dormitory B had a good time at their Christmas party. We had several guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Meacham. Mr. Baxter acted as Santa Claus and kept the party moving and we had a lot of fun. We had drawn names, so everyone received a present. After the gifts were given out we had refreshments of ice cream, cake and tonic. We had the best party ever.

Wesley W. Searles

### A Maine Vacation

Last summer I spent two months at Aggasiz Village, a boys' camp located at Thompson's Lake. It is about 150 miles from Boston. We had swimming, canoeing, spear fishing, archery, baseball, bowling, volleyball and many other sports and activities which I liked. On Sundays we had tournament day, when we had races and games. We made many trips to Indian Village and Pioneer Village. At the camp we had a radio shack, arts and

crafts center, our own newspaper and museum. I had a fine time at the Village.

John S. Krzyzanowski

### Christmas in Sweden and Norway

In Sweden and Norway, at Christmas time, the children wear long white robes, and carry a long stick with a bright star at one end. They march through the streets singing carols and dance about a Christmas tree in the village square. They place sheaves of grain outside their homes for the birds. I think the people in those countries have a nice way of celebrating Christmas. Don't you?

John D. Cameron

### Kitchen Work

My job every morning is to help the instructors in the kitchen. When I am early boy I pour the milk and get other food ready for breakfast. After the meal I take the kitchen laundry to be washed, and then I help get the vegetables ready for the dinner meal. When this is done I help clean the kitchen and do other work which the instructors want done.

George D. McPeck

### Saxophone Lessons

A year ago, in January, I received a saxophone for a birthday present. I took lessons at home and when I came to the School last Labor Day I found I couldn't play well enough to join the band. So I have been getting lessons here and have made much progress. I think I will be a regular member of the school band this spring.

James L. Fennessey

### Additional Alumni Notes

WALTER J. TRENHOLM, a Liver-side graduate, is located at 320 West Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, in California. He is Manager of the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce.

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Many of the graduates sent Christmas cards, but probably none was more appreciated than that sent by FRANK W. WALLACE, '81. Mr. Wallace left us almost three quarters of a century ago, and is, of course, one of our oldest living graduates. He retired from his work with the Boston & Maine Railroad several years ago, and makes his home at 114 Wildwood Ave., Arlington, Mass.

DARWIN C. BAIRD, '45, and Mrs. Baird, sent holiday greetings from their home at 1550 Orange Avenue, East Del Pasa Heights, California. They hope that circumstances will permit them to visit Thompson's Island soon. Our readers may recall that Darwin is a Lieutenant in the U. S. A. F., and has been flying in the West Coast patrol for the past year.

A. WALLACE FITT, '47, went into active service in the U. S. Army from his National Guard unit. His enlistment period ends in March, and he is about ready now to sail home from the Far East. We hope to have a more complete account of his Army experiences in an early issue.

We have received a pleasant note from Mrs. Blanche Mason, mother of John R. '51, and Joseph B. Mason. She writes that both boys are doing well in the Navy, and had the pleasure of spending the Christmas holidays together in Geneva, Italy. Both have been in the Navy some time now, and have seen service exclusively in Atlantic and Mediterranean waters.

We have received a copy of the "Pony Express", official publication of

Quincy High School, and were pleased to note therein references to BRUCE A. GRAHAM, '53. He has recently been elected treasurer of the high school band, in which he plays trombone. He was one of a group which took the Driver Education course and received his license. Included in the list of students' favorite sayings is one by Bruce. It would seem that he is a busy young man at Quincy High, where he is a senior.

S. NEWCOMB GRAHAM, '54, is a junior at Quincy, and like Bruce, plays in the band and takes part in as many school activities as time permits. Both work after school for the Essay Manufacturing Company.

We have received a letter from Mrs. James E. Barnett, in which she states that her son, James, a former pupil, is now in Japan. He joined the Air Force a year ago, and is a radar man. The family continues to live in Sellersburg, Indiana.

WILLIAM H. DILLON, '54 is a junior at Cambridge Latin School. His ability as a trombonist has made for him many friends, and he plays in the high school band and a community band. He lives at 61 Dana Street, Cambridge.

TEYET RAMAR II, '53, attends Brookline High School. He was a member of the school's champion football team. Currently his interest is in the school band, in which he plays cornet. He has an after school job in a local drug store. He lives at 16 Fuller Street, Brookline.

News of alumni, for use on this page, will be appreciated.





# THOMPSON'S ISLAND BEACON

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## Boy of the Month

STEVEN RAY WELLINGTON, Boy of the Month, is a member of our graduating class, and came to the School in September 1953. He is sixteen years old, weighs 115 pounds, and is five feet five inches tall. He lives in South Weymouth.



Steven R. Wellington

He has had work experience in several departments, including the dining room, kitchen, laundry, farm, dairy and printing office. He is pictured operating the 14 by 22 Colts Armory press in our printing office.

Academically he may be found at or near the top in his class standings. In conduct he has never been out of "A" group, and has won three Crosby Conduct Prizes, first, second and third.

He is a valuable member of the school band, playing first trumpet. He has been

a member of the casts of three major religious dramas, and in class programs and activities he may be counted upon to take a leading part. He is class treasurer. Last summer he won first prize in the Grew Garden Competition.

He plays all sports, and has won major letters in football and basketball. He is a good baseball and tennis player and likes water sports. Basketball is his favorite game.

He has many hobbies, and when pinned down, selected woodworking as his favorite. He has completed his sloyd course and is currently making articles of furniture.

Next year he will continue his education, getting ready for college. He has set his goal upon becoming an architect, and knowing him as we do we expect he will be one of the best in the field.

## The Boston Farm School Offering

Twelfth in a series of articles reprinted from paper titled as above, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1859.

### FARMING

I think that farming is the best business that a young man can do. He can have oxen, cows, horses, sheep, pigs, &c. If he is a temperate man, he will have enough to do all the time, besides attending to his wife and children, if he has any.

In the spring the farmer will plough the ground and sow the seeds; and in summer he takes his workmen, and goes

and digs around the plants, which were once seeds; and in autumn he will take his workmen, and go and gather his fruit, and put it in his barn; and in mid-winter he will not send his son to go and beg, as some people do. In summer many people are in the rum-shop spending their money, which they ought to buy bread or anything they wish for. In the winter the good farmer can have plenty of corn and vegetables for his family. So you see the farmer is not in want of things that other people are.

Another reason why I think that farming is the best business that a young man can get is, that, when a friend visits him, he can take him out and show him his nice farm, and his oxen, cows, horses, his fat pigs, and a lot of chickens, ducks and turkeys.

Sometimes the farmer is troubled by the crows and blackbirds, coming and eating up his nice corn, which he values so highly. I think that a gun would be handy then.

Another reason why I think that farming is the best trade that a young man can get is because he can have a good home and mannerly children. Many young men who live in the city have not good homes and mannerly children, as most all farmers have.

Composed and written by

Joseph Partridge

Farm School, April 20, 1859

Age 11

### The General Motors Show

Last week we had a show on the progress of electricity given by two representatives of the General Motors Corp. The lecturer first told us of the need for scientists and electrical engineers, and urged all those who liked this work to make it their career. A great future awaits good men, thoroughly trained, he said.

The men gave many demonstrations. The first was on high fidelity and the latest recording method of using two microphones and two amplifiers, which make the recordings almost lifelike. Next the principle of radar was shown, and how radar waves act when intercepted and deflected. They showed how to cook without a hot stove.

The most exciting demonstration was on the jet engine. Model planes propelled by jet expulsion bombs were used. These model planes have been clocked at 180 miles per hour.

They closed the show by briefly summing up the needs in this country for scientists and engineers. Then we were invited on the stage to see the equipment, and ask questions. It was an interesting and wonderful show.

Steven R. Wellington

### Aeronautical Engineer

I would like to become an aeronautical engineer for my interest lies in that field and in the tests we took last fall my aptitude is best in the fields of science and mathematics. The reason I will study aeronautical engineering is that this science is very important and widely expanding. There is a great need for engineers in this field, as we found out by lecturers from the General Motors Corporation, who gave a science show here recently.

Albert E. Merrill

### Working on Special

John Lennon and I both work on Special each afternoon. We do many kinds of maintenance work, landscape gardening, and seasonal jobs, such as shoveling snow and sanding walks. We have just finished painting the lawn settees, the backboards for the outdoor court and the diving board. Lately we repaired and painted the C Building lockers.

Arthur A. Sprague

### Gullivers Travels

The part I like best in this story was Gulliver's seizure of the enemy's fleet of ships. First he went to his house and ordered a great quantity of the strongest cable and bars of iron. He wound the cables together to make them stronger, and twisted the iron bars together in threes, binding the ends into a hook.

Then he returned to the waterfront, took off his shoes, stockings and coat and walked into the sea. He arrived at the fleet of ships and everyone aboard were frightened and jumped into the water and began swimming to shore. He cut the anchor ropes and bound the ships together. While he was doing this the enemy shot arrows at him. About two hundred hit him in the face and hands.

When the ships were bound he began bringing them towards shore. The crowd shrieked and cried in despair, making a noise almost impossible to describe or conceive. Then he heard the crowd yell, "Long live the most puissant Emperor of Lilliput."

This part of the story was interesting and exciting, and is the part I remember best.

Donald E. Robicheau

### A Good Future

I am going to prepare myself to be a steam and diesel engineer. I can get the experience and training I need in the U. S. Navy, and when I am of draft age I will join the Navy. For civilian work I would like to be an employee of the Boston Edison Company, as that company is growing and will always need trained men.

Gerald L. Briggs

### The Father of Fishermen

Izaak Walton was an Englishman who became the world's most famous fisherman. He studied the fish so that he

knew their habits, where they ate, what temperature water they liked best, and how deep they stayed in water of varying temperatures. In fact, he knew just about everything about English fish. He understood bait and knew many tricks such as how to keep worms fresh all day, and where the best fishing places were.

John W. Cronin

### What I Want to Be

When I graduate from high school I would like to do general painting and carpentry work. Very good wages are paid to skilled workers in these fields, and there is plenty of work. If I become a good carpenter I will be able to build my own home. My instructor, Mr. Anstey, has taught me very much about painting and carpentry and I do both here at the school.

Gary D. Schoonmaker

### What I Hope to Be

The goal which I am striving for is to be an aviation engineer. First I will graduate from this school, and finish high school in town. Then I would like to go to Wentworth, or some other school which teaches aviation mechanics. After this training I would work as a mechanic and save my money until I had enough to build a small air strip and buy one or two planes. I would gradually build from this beginning until I owned a transcontinental air line.

Alexander D. Marinakis

### A Beach Walk

Recently I went on a beach walk with some other boys. As we were walking along we saw a flock of ducks. They flew away. Later we saw eight pheasants. On our return we saw two owls perched in a tree. We tried to get closer to them, but they flew off.

Joel C. Robbins

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Dear Judge Connelly:

I am deeply impressed by your Annual Report, copy of which I have just received. Your "Statement on Delinquency" is so important that everyone should read it again and again, and make application of the basic principles you have so lucidly enumerated. I am having your wise message re-printed in our school paper the BEACON, which I trust meets with your approval.

Your statement pertaining to leaders of youth with laissez faire philosophies and pseudo philosophy of excuse masquerading as a science in the guidance and leadership of youngsters resulting in apathy and confusion contains the crux of the problems confronting the youth of our land.

Respectfully yours,  
William M. Meacham  
Headmaster

## A STATEMENT ON DELINQUENCY BY JUDGE JOHN J. CONNELLY

The delinquency statistics for 1953 compiled by the Boston Juvenile Court do not show any startling numerical increase in cases. A certain percentage of the cases revealed personal and environmental conditions that were most disturbing. These cases were usually serious in nature and reflected inadequate parental interest and control, school maladjustments, absence of religious activation or complete rejection of church influence by parents as well as children, total lack of wholesome play interest, and bad companionship.

The condition and attitude of children and the serious nature of their offenses

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before the court leads to but one conclusion: that we adults are confused and/or apathetic and/or neglectful about our children. In the Juvenile Court it is evident that in some degree or other we, in our varied relationships to children, do suffer from one or all of these defects.

What has caused this confusion, apathy and neglect? What are we to do about it?

In regard to the first question, it seems we still are suffering from the effects of over thirty years of laissez-faire philosophies regarding the education and general welfare of children. After the first world war a new, popular, and intriguing experiment was foisted upon the educational system of this country by some leaders in the field of education. It was "progressive education." Its fundamental tenet was that discipline externally imposed upon children should be abolished. Whatever disciplines or activities existed in the system were to be selected by the children themselves. In other words, the result was no discipline and very little constructive educational activity for the majority of children who became involved in the progressive education technique. This system failed to understand the true dependent nature of children upon adult leadership, and resulted in immature children choosing the curriculum. It practically abolished, for all intents and purposes, the leadership of teachers. This method of education failed to recognize that there are but too few children who have the personal capacities and also have behind them the solid preschool and continual parental and home training that would enable them to respond to such a system of education. The vast majority of children subjected to such an educational system merely indulged their immature whims and were denied the value of an appreciation of standards, ideals, disciplines, and adult

leadership, which are the proven ingredients of youth education. In short, the wisdom of the ages was neglected for the fads and fancies of the day. The result was that parents and teachers became confused about their roles, whereas children, through the disorganizing influence of such a system, became undisciplined.

At this same time, equally popular and vocative, came child psychology and psychiatry, and some of its leaders recommended no discipline and no curbs upon children's behavior. This group's directions and counseling of parents, educators, the police, courts, and agencies, in fact of the entire community, was couched in such language that it would be necessary for a person related in any way to children and their education to have at least a college degree to understand them. They were bold in describing children as merely "a bundle of conditioned reflexes" and, implicitly at least, denied that they were more than animality and denied that they were possessed of a soul. Some of these scientists went so far as to term religion "a medieval superstition." They called mother love "an Oedipus complex." They explained criminal behavior as a natural phenomenon resulting from repressions and inhibitions of natural desires. They blamed heredity, glandular imbalance, society, parents, police, courts, and everything and everyone but the criminal himself, because they denied a capacity for individual responsibility.

These laissez-faire philosophies were spawned, aided and implemented in growth by the first world war, followed by the "roaring twenties," and followed closely by a disastrous depression and a second more total world war. In our opinion, the confusion that exists in the world today can be attributed, at least in part, to these philosophies.

Apathy is generally a resultant of

confusion, because apathy is an inability or unwillingness to act because of uncertainty. For example, because of their experience and common sense, leaders of our youth are prompted to lead children through discipline and training so that they may meet the goals of their life, but they hesitate to do so because of a pseudo philosophy of excuse which masqueraded as a science.

We must dispel the confusion, change apathy into action — an action based upon a sure knowledge that children need leadership and that the leadership must set the course and fix the standards as guideposts along the road to manhood and womanhood — and we must not neglect to perform our duties and thus preserve rights in every level of our society.

The North End, the smallest and the most congested section, because of stable Italian family life and firm control of children, has the lowest delinquency rate.

The parts of the jurisdictional area of the Boston Juvenile Court that furnish the great majority of the cases of delinquency, waywardness, and neglect are parts of Roxbury and the South End. Here too many poorly maintained multiple-tenement buildings, shoddy rooming houses, heterogeneous and shifting population, unsavory adult life, inadequate parents, and general environmental shiftlessness combine to make it most difficult for many children to grow up with the security and protection that are necessary to develop well-adjusted men and women.

### Topics in Brief

Our Band participated in the Annual District Show of District one of the Boston Council of Boy Scouts on January 23, at the Freedom House, in Roxbury. Several old friends of the band were on hand to

greet the boys. As usual, the boys did a fine job and were glad to cooperate in making the district show a grand success.

On January 27 we had the privilege of seeing a fine science show sponsored by the General Motors Corporation. The program was brought to us through the interest of our alumni-trustee Donald S. MacPherson, '17. We were told by the lecturers, Donald Gordon and Leonard Selden, that these General Motors educational science shows have been seen and enjoyed by millions all over our country. The show which we saw was "Preview of Progress," and certainly was an amazing demonstration of scientific miracles from the research laboratories of America.

January was unusual because there was very little snow. The skating was excellent and hockey was king of our outdoor sports for the month. Many games were played, and our ice skating areas were popular places during play hours.

We have ten basketball teams, each playing one game weekly. The varsity first and second teams have done well, everything considered, and the boys hope to further improve their play over the final month of the season.

The Sears League, of four teams, has had a grand season to date and the interest runs high. The younger, less experienced boys are members of the four team Nut League, and they likewise are enjoying an exciting season,

A noteworthy accomplishment in the field of book publishing has come about through the series distributed at very moderate cost by the Teen Age Book Club. Many of our boys have subscribed to this service to youth, which well merits the support of both adults and teen agers.

### Chemistry

Chemistry is very important in this country today, and always will be. The science of chemistry results in discoveries which may slow down the death rate from sickness, and many comforts in everyday living will continue to result from studies and experiments, making life happier in many ways. Most important, an atomic war may be prevented.

I plan to finish high school, and go to college to prepare myself for a career in chemical engineering.

Basil T. Veglas

### My Future

I hope someday I can become a scientist. This will be a wonderful career. The country needs scientists in this age. I know that it will take study and work for me to have this kind of career.

As a hobby I will study magic and become an entertainer. I might be able to earn extra money that way.

My father has been an entertainer all his life and has given me lessons.

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

### Additional Alumni Notes

Hello to a new arrival in California! Cynthia Louise Baird, all eight pounds of her, moved in recently. Cynthia arrived on January 21, 1955 at 3:00 A. M. Her parents, Lieut. and Mrs. Darwin C. Baird are receiving the good wishes of all their friends to which we at Thompson's Island add our sincere congratulations.

Since the above was written more good news has reached us. The Bairds will shortly move to New England and we will soon publish more news of this, together with their new address.

DAVID W. HOWARD, '54, worked at Camp Wyanoke last summer and began his junior year at Winchester high school

last September. He enjoys school life, is a member of the school band and is on the hockey squad. He will return to Camp Wyanoke next summer. He lives at 10 Lawson Road, in Winchester.

Your secretary, George O. Poole, '27, of 73a Lawrence Street, Medford, reminds us that it is time for the alumni to take care of the matter of annual dues and subscription to the Bell Fund. Merton P. Ellis, '97, honorary chairman of the Bell Fund is at work currently on the 1955 end of that project. If you haven't taken care of this matter why not do so now, by contacting your alumni secretary.

ALGINE B. STEELE, '95, has had a life-long interest in his Alma Mater and wrote only recently inquiring about his classmates, with whom he would like to correspond. He is "hovering close to 80", as he says, and has been a semi-invalid for some time. He makes his home with his sister and her husband at 8 Palmer Hill Avenue, Reading, Mass.

He recalls vividly his school day experiences at Thompson's Island, and mentions briefly the first issue of the BEACON, the burning of the Nahant boat in '92, the Fourth of July balloon ascension from Boston Common which ended in tragedy and hundreds of other events which happened either on or near, the Island. He played clarinet in the school band and was mailboy for some time.

He was a charter member of the Alumni Association, and in the formative years of the Association as we know it today, he was secretary. He recalls the first meetings held at the School, in Gardner Hall, in the mid 1890's.

He was a pupil at the school for seven years, from 1888 to 1895. We were glad to hear from him and very much interested in his reminiscences.

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CECIL A. MORSE, '28, corresponds regularly with us and is very much interested in everything pertaining to F. T. S. He has for some years worked in the distilling section of a Texas oil concern, and as a hobby has been closely connected with local school and college athletics. This fall he was official statistician for the play offs in the high school football tournament. He is married and lives at 409 E. DeFee Avenue, Baytown, Texas.

M-Sgt. EUGENE PROCTOR, '38, has been in the U. S. Army for thirteen years, and spent "two full hitches" in Japan. He is now located at 211 Hopkins Blvd., Biloxi, Miss., about a block from the Gulf, three blocks from the shopping center of Biloxi and a mile from Keesler Air Force Base. He was sent to his new assignment to be an instructor, but is now working as supervisor of the Tests and Measurements Section. His work is rather deep in the field of Education, but is very intriguing and very different from any other assignment he has had.

His hobby has always been music, and he is a member of a 40 voice Male Chorus, which is very popular in the area, having a weekly radio program, an occasional television appearance and gives frequent concerts at civic affairs. He has been married for nearly four years.

We regret to announce the death of HARRIS H. TODD, '05, on January 26, 1955. He is survived by two sons, Harris H. Jr., and John V. Todd, to whom we express our deep sympathy.

Mr. Todd kept in touch with his F. T. S. schoolmates since leaving the school

fifty years ago. He was in the employ of the Wright and Potter Company for 38 years. His home was at 31 Gardner Street, Allston, Mass.

Funeral services were conducted from the Lally Funeral Home in Brookline on January 30.

JOHN BELHAM, '28, has been appointed Sales Manager for the General Fittings Company, of Providence, Rhode Island. We heartily congratulate Mr. Belham upon his promotion, and know he will do an outstanding job in his new position. He is married, and the Belhams live at 15 Duncan Road, Rumford, Rhode Island.

Lawrence J. McManus, a former pupil, writes to thank us for sending the BEACON, to which we say that it gives us pleasure to send each issue to our men in the armed forces, wherever they may be stationed. McManus has been stationed at a tiny outpost north of Japan for some time. It is very cold there, with heavy snowfall at this time of year. He writes that security measures have been tightened, and that the station is on continual alert. He hopes that no circumstances arise which keep him from returning home this September, for he will be "sure glad" to see the shores of San Francisco. He has used his movie camera to record the scenery and customs of the lands where he has been stationed and visited, and hopes to have time to show them to us when he leaves the service.

A. WALLACE FITT, '47, we note in the press, arrived at San Francisco from Korean duty on Feb. 17. Welcome home, Wally!



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## Boy of the Month

ALBERT KINGSLEY ELLIS, a member of our graduating class, is the Boy of the



Albert K. Ellis

Month. He is sixteen years of age, six feet tall and weighs 150 pounds. He was born in Roslindale, and has been a pupil here for four years.

In his years with us he has earned good academic grades, and has taken an active part in all class functions. He is a Charles Hayden Scholarship winner. He is secretary of his class this year. He

plays baritone in the school band, is a member of both the scout troop, and Bible Club, and is a monitor in Hayden Dormitory A.

He has the distinction of being on the Conduct prize list every term since he has been a pupil here. He has won a Grew Garden Prize each year also. He plays all sports, and has won both intra-mural and varsity insignia in football.

He has had work experience in many departments including the sewing room, Adams House, dining room kitchen, laundry, dormitory, farm, office and boat. He likes the boat work the best, and hopes to continue his education so as to become a marine engineer.

He likes dramatics and may always be counted upon to have a prominent part in class entertainments. He has been in the casts of two major religious dramas staged by the academic department.

He is interested in many projects and has many hobbies. He likes Sloyd and is now finishing the course. He is a moving picture camera enthusiast and can give an entertaining program of school activities with pictures he has taken here. He is developing a likeness for radio repair work also.

Next year he hopes to go to Huntington School and then attend either the Coast Guard Academy or the Merchant Marine School.

## The Boston Farm School Offering

Thirteenth in a series of articles reprinted from paper titled as above, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1859.

### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

The life of Columbus is full of interest and peril. The son of a wool-carder of Genoa, he had but a poor chance of getting an education. While he was in Lisbon, he married the daughter of Palestrello,—a deceased navigator of great eminence; and by this he came into possession of a great many valuable nautical papers, which proved to be of great value to him.

He then made a voyage to Iceland, and some leagues beyond into the ice plains of the polar circle.

Queen Isabella of Spain fitted out two small ships for him; and Columbus, with the aid of some of his friends, fitted out one more; and in these he set out on his discoveries.

After he had been at sea for a good while without seeing any land, the sailors became mutinous, and threatened to kill Columbus if he did not go back; and Columbus said, that, if they did not see land in three days, that he would go back to Spain. On the evening of the third day, the perfume of flowers from the shore was wafted to them on the evening breeze, and they thought that land was near; and the next morning they saw the green forest stretching along the horizon; and, as they came nearer, they heard the songs of birds. How great must have been the joy of Columbus as he stepped on the shore, and took possession of that beautiful island in the name of the sovereigns of Spain! After that, he sailed south, and discovered the islands of Cuba and Saint Domingo, where he was told of the gold bearing regions.

He then returned to Spain, and was received with great honors. There were many of the Spaniards who were jealous

that a foreigner should receive such honors, and they thought they would deprive him of having the new world called after him so a Florentine, by the name of Americus Vesputius, in company with one of the men who had sailed with Columbus, came across, and discovered the western part of South America; and he gave such a glowing account of his discoveries, that the new world was called "America" after him.

After that, Columbus made three other voyages to the West Indies, and established settlements there. In August, 1498, he discovered the continent at the mouth of the Orinoco River: this he also supposed was an island on the coast of Asia; and he lived and died in ignorance of the brilliant discovery which he had made. Before he departed on his fourth voyage, he was made High Admiral of the New World. While he was on his third voyage, some jealous men made false statements to the king and queen, and Columbus was brought back to Spain in chains; but, when the Queen found out how it was, she let him depart on his fourth voyage. When Columbus came home from his fourth voyage, he found the queen was dead, and his enemies had power; and he who had added a new hemisphere to the Spanish realm was allowed to sink to the grave in obscurity and neglect. Columbus died at Valladolid on the twentieth day of May, 1506.

Composed and written by

A. S. Ackers

Farm School. April 19, 1859

Age 13

### Mysterious Happenings

From earliest history Man has been curious concerning the mysterious happenings about him. The early pioneers of science, handicapped by ignorance and superstition, made little progress. But, as

man's power of observation and reasoning increased, accompanied by an irresistible urge to solve the mysteries, scientific knowledge accumulated more and more rapidly. The past century has brought more scientific discoveries than all the previous centuries of history. Today there are thousands of trained scientists actively engaged in research. Each issue of every science journal brings news of important discoveries, and with each discovery in science comes new questions to be solved.

Richard T. Castonguay

### My Future

I would like to be an apprentice at the General Electric Company. For this I will need trigonometry, algebra, geometry, mechanical drawing and as much other mathematics as I can learn. The apprentice courses teach the worker what he needs to know in order to be an engineer, construction worker or one of many other important experts at General Electric. It is not easy to become an apprentice, but I will try to reach the goal.

John A. Fritz

### Study Hall

We have a compulsory study period every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Anyone failing is required to attend until his marks are passing. The teachers take turns in supervising the study hall. A few of the boys who are slow readers also meet at night for special help.

John W. Cronin

### John Winthrop

John Winthrop was born in 1588 near Groton, sixty miles northeast of London, in a region famous for the rise of puritanism. At the age of fifteen John went to Trinity College, Cambridge, to study.

Winthrop was a man of intelligent character and influence. When in 1629, the puritan leaders secured a charter for

the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England they decided to undertake emigration on a large scale and to transfer the management of the company to America. In looking about for a fit person to send out as a governor the choice fell on Winthrop. After a really tempestuous passage of 87 days and the death of seventy out of two hundred cattle the party landed at Salem.

Winthrop was a shrewd, patient, unselfish ruler. He was elected governor up to the time of his death in 1649.

Gary D. Schoonmaker

### What I Hope to Be

I would like to be a member of the armed forces, and hope to someday be an officer in the U. S. Coast Guard. The duties of a coast guardsman are many, and exciting and I would like to learn how to do what those men do every day. Besides, I like boats and life on the water. The U. S. Coast Guard has a very important part in our national defense.

Paul G. Johnston

### Adams House Work

One of the jobs I had was to help in Adams House every morning after breakfast. I began by emptying the waste basket, and then I did whatever Mrs. Meacham wanted done. One morning I might clean the sitting room, another morning wax the kitchen floor and another time perhaps vacuum the halls. Usually it took me an hour to do the work.

Donald E. Robicheau

### The Birds

What do the birds do

When a cat goes by?

They fly, fly, fly.

George E. Hodson

—"The reason there are so few good talkers in public is that there are so few good thinkers in private."

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

Over a period of years we have often been asked how we can year after year give our boys such superb academic training and at the same time give every boy such a broad program of vocational, avocational and living essentials. College records, records of our graduates in other schools and the superb citizenship of our alumni prove our point.

The American system of education has become so specialized and departmentally pin-pointed that any complete program of developing a child's life appears to be incomprehensible to most people. The definite result of that perfected American system of single track education has developed for us in our many communities, especially in the large cities, the current hordes of juvenile delinquents. This is being talked about by everybody but nobody is doing anything about it. Oh yes, there are some great workers who are "nibbling away" at it but we are not yet ready to adopt a proven method of giving boys and girls of inadequate homes a chance to live, be loved, be wanted, be guided and firmly directed through the maze of life.

Under date of March 2, 1943 the late Charles Wiggins, Harvard graduate, Headmaster of Noble Greenough School, and a member of the Board of our school, wrote a letter in which he made this statement, "My hat is off to you and your gallant crew and I only wish we had many Farm and Trades Schools throughout this country, being run by a flock of Meachams!"

The person mentioned in that letter is purely incidental but here on Thompson's Island is one school which for 140 years has proven its worth. A thousand such schools in this area, with boys taken from incompetent homes, would make New England the Mecca of outstanding

young people and the model for the Nation. This, of course, is assuming that the schools would be operated with the same high standards which have long been established here and that the same broad, complete program of living and development features be maintained.

One more point in the proof of high standards has just been presented to the Staff. An outside group is making a series of surveys and tests at the School and all the boys have been given exhaustive academic tests. Sixty boys were enrolled at the beginning of these tests in September. Thirty of these have an IQ of 105 to 126. The National average is 100. All but five of these 30 boys were shown to have an academic achievement above the grade they are in at the School, and only *one* of the five boys has been at our school two years or more. That one boy was rated on these tests as being one tenth of a year, roughly one month, below the grade in which he is currently placed at the School.

Yes, a thousand such small home schools as ours, with its complete, well rounded program of boy life, where the folks love boys and want them, and at an early age taking boys out of incompetent and incomplete homes and out of homes where both parents are away most of the time would solve the major part of the juvenile delinquent problem before it started. This would, of course, put many of the institutions and agencies for "problem children" out of business. Our generation is not ready to do the obvious.

### Topics in Brief

We appreciate very much the good words written about the *Beacon* which appeared in the March issue of "Island Echoes," the Long Island Hospital publication. Editor Charles Marvin gave a little of the history of our school paper, stating that almost certainly it is the oldest

school paper in America, which, as far as we can determine, is true. We will be glad to hear of any school paper, published previous to 1897, which would outdate our *Beacon*. Our first issue was printed in May, 1897.

February was a mild month, and the traditional snowball battle on Washington's Birthday could not take place. The boys spent the day in basketball practice and games. In the evening a top-notch movie was enjoyed.

The Music Educators National Conference was held in Boston in late February, and was attended by Clifton E. Albee, of our staff. Music work being done in the schools was discussed and demonstrated through lectures and numerous clinics. It was a privilege to attend the Conference, and to meet music educators from far and wide. The excellent work in music accomplished by our school in music is well known, and the attainments of our Band are a matter of record on the books of the school music festival associations.

The Alumni Association, through the Richard Bell Fund, made its annual gift to everyone at the School on Washington's Birthday, of a pound box of chocolates. We at Thompson's Island all thank the Alumni Association for this present, given in memory of Richard Bell, a graduate who for many years was an executive of the Walter Lowney Company.

Some of the boys who are interested in poultry attended the Poultry Show, held in Boston recently. This has grown to be a major show, very much worth attending.

The boys had a really good basketball season. The varsity has played a game every week, many of them away from the

school. The team did not make an impressive record in the win column, but all of the games were well played and the boys had a good season sportwise.

The Sears intramural league went into its final game of the season before the champion team was decided. Next month we hope to have a season summary of this league, together with the names of those on the championship team, the Wolverines, captained by Loren Cain.

The younger boys, who make up the teams in the Nut League, have finished their season. The Coconuts, captained by Harold S. Spurling, are the 1955 champions.

### Roger Williams

Roger Williams (1604-1684), an American colonist and the founder of Rhode Island, was born in London, and educated at Charter-house School and at Pembroke College, Cambridge. While still a college student, he became bitterly opposed to the ceremonies of the Episcopal Church, and as a protest joined the Puritans. He emigrated to Massachusetts in 1631, and was immediately offered the position of pastor of a Boston Church, but declined on the ground that the congregation had not publicly announced its separation from the church of England. He then accepted pastoral works in a church at Salem, but the enraged Bostonians soon caused his removal.

Plymouth next invited him to serve as pastor, and for two years he preached with great zeal, meanwhile earning his living by working as a carpenter and farmer. In August, 1633, Williams again began to preach in Salem, but in 1635 was convicted of heresy by the colonies general court. Among the charges were his declarations that the Indians, even though heathen, should have been paid for their lands, that a wicked person

should not be compelled to worship God, and that men should have full liberty of conscience.

In January, 1636, Williams fled to the site of the present city of Providence, R. I., where he founded a settlement that became a refuge for the persecuted of several nations.

He had much to do with the Rhode Island colonies' early success, and was especially active in developing friendly relations between the colonists and the Indian tribes.

Loren E. Cain

### My Work

When I first came to Thompson's Island I worked in Dormitory B. Then I was changed to dining room, a job which I liked very much. Later I became office boy and I also liked this work. After awhile I became a dining room boy again and then had a change to Dormitory A. In a year and a half I have had quite a change of jobs which has given me a good opportunity to learn how to do many things.

Walter E. Grignon, Jr.

### Band Rehearsals

Every Saturday morning our band leader, Mr. Warren, comes and we have a band rehearsal. We usually play two or three pieces we know well, and then work on some new selections. We finish by playing two or three marches. We are getting ready for a concert which we will play for the Blue Room Club, a Masonic organization.

Ronald A. Oke

### Gulliver

Gulliver as of now is in the land of Brobdingnag, where the people are like giants to him, and everything in proportion to the people. Gulliver knows the language and ways of the people. He lives

with the king and queen, and has a nurse, Glumdalditch. Later he has his own house, with chairs, a table and a bed which a carpenter made for him.

The greatest danger which Gulliver ever met was from a monkey. This monkey put Gulliver in a pocket and carried him to the roof of Gulliver's house. The monkey sat on the ridge and began feeding him like a baby. People began climbing to save Gulliver, and the monkey let him drop on the ridge. Gulliver sat three hundred yards from the ground, expecting to be blown away by the wind. But an honest footman got Gulliver safely to earth. The monkey was killed.

Robert H. Grignon

### My Vacation

My last vacation was in August. I spent a week in Brockton where I went fishing. We fished at Cohituate, East Bridgewater and Lake Winnicunit. At the lake I caught my first Big Mouth Bass. While rowing under a low bridge I saw a long piece of fishing line which I pulled in and found a nice black plug on the end. This was the first plug I ever used, and I had good luck with it. Besides fishing I went to the movies, dug clams and did many other things.

Donald E. Robicheau

### The Auction

Last week we had an auction to raise money for the athletic association. Every one was urged to contribute things to be sold to the highest bidder. There was much food, including several home made cakes. Other things sold included radios, books, games, clothing, boots, skates and novelties. I bought a nice pin for my mother. There were some good bargains and the athletic association made some money for the treasury.

Richard B. Ayers

### Sloyd

I am in the eighth grade and am in my first year in Sloyd. I have made several models so far. The first model is a pencil pointer and this is made with only a knife. It is a carved piece of wood with a piece of fine sandpaper glued to it. Each succeeding model teaches us the use of a tool new to us. The final model is a large tool chest. The experience and knowledge we gain from sloyd will be very valuable to us in later life.

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

### Astronomy

For the past few years I have been very much interested in astronomy. I am going to study this science, and eventually I will own a telescope. Perhaps I may discover some heavenly body unknown at present.

There are two kinds of telescopes used in astronomy, refracting and reflecting. The University of Chicago has the largest refractor and California Tech has the largest reflecting telescope.

Dona'd J. Oke

### A New Home

Before I came here I lived with a wonderful family in Everett. It was really home to me. Last visiting day my friends came and told me that they had moved to Billerica and described the new home they had purchased. It is practically new, and has four rooms on the first floor, two upstairs and a full basement. Everything in the house is modern.

There is a pleasant yard, with good lawns, and an outdoor barbecue. What I like best, though, is the outdoor swimming pool. It is seven feet deep, and every four hours the water is automatically changed and purified. In the winter the pool can be used as an ice skating rink.

Carl H. Fletcher

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WILLIAM L. GLENNON, '52, visited us recently. He joined the U. S. A. F. as a musician soon after his F. T. S. graduation, and has been located at a Texas base. When visiting us he was on a furlough, and by the time this reaches our readers he will be at a new base in Newfoundland. His address now is 596th Air Force Band, APO 862, Newfoundland. In August, of last year, he was married to a girl he met in Texas, and his wife will be with him at his new post. He has been in the Air Force two years and ten months, and makes his home in North Reading.

He has had opportunity to make intensive study in Music. His hobby is reading, and he has done research work in history. He has not yet decided what field he will enter when he leaves the service. We wish the Glennons a happy and interesting time in Newfoundland.

DANIEL E. SMITH, '22, heads his own carpentry and wood products finishing plant in Medford. He has made substantial progress in this field, and his plant is one of the best equipped in this locality. He has made it possible for our sloyd department to receive much fine lumber, and we appreciate his kind interest. Mr. and Mrs. Smith make their home in Arlington, at 44 James Street.

RICHARD E. MCPHEE, '48, is attending the New England Conservatory of Music, majoring in piano. He has considerable talent, and should go far in a musical career. He is an excellent trombonist, and does some professional work on this instrument. His home is at 12 Epping Street, Dorchester, Mass.

For nearly two decades one or more of our graduating class members have been invited to work for the season at a prominent summer camp. We will not take the space to name all of these young alumni, but know that they, and our other readers, will be impressed and pleased by the tribute written about them by the camp director, an educator in one of New England's finer preparatory schools. He writes in part:

"It has been our experience that boys from The Farm and Trades School are far more cooperative, tractable and capable than others who are older.

"We are particularly impressed, not only with their willingness to take hold of their responsibilities, but also with their ability to work. Perhaps they are not so sophisticated as other boys their age, but certainly they are not so 'spoiled.' It is a delight to work with boys who have as realistic an approach to life and its responsibilities as do these lads.

"Sometimes, I think that we are inclined to mistake sophistication as being pseudo-maturity. I would not be too concerned that you are not developing certain social 'graces.' That can well come about later in life. What you people at The Farm and Trades School are doing in developing integrity, character, and sound work habits in your lads deserves the highest commendation."

ROBERT H. STONE, '42, has been employed by the Raytheon Manufacturing Co. for some time. While here he became interested in electronics and has followed this field since his graduation. He is married, and the Stones live at 49 Edward Road, in Watertown.



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## Boy of the Month

JOHN EDWARD LENNON, JR., our Boy of the Month, was born in Cambridge, is sixteen years old, stands a shade over six feet and weighs 157 pounds. He came to the school in September, 1952, and has



John E. Lennon

maintained good average academic grades in addition to being a leader in extra curricular activities. He is a member of the graduating class.

He has been a consistent winner of the Shaw Conduct Prizes, has been on the varsity football and basketball teams for the past two years, has played tuba in the Band for two years and is a Hayden Scholarship winner. He is a monitor in Hayden Dormitory C. He is active in class affairs, and may be counted upon to help out in any way he can. He has been in the cast of a major play, and has acted as stage manager in others.

He has had experience in many work departments, including the sewing room, dining room, laundry, farm, dairy, power house, maintenance, boat, and mail. His favorite work is maintenance and he has had a hand in completing some fine projects in this department, including the building of benches for the varsity locker room, a table for beach suppers, and just recently he rebuilt 24 steel lockers for his dormitory locker room.

His hobbies are woodworking and athletics. He has nearly finished his sloyd course and prefers to spend his spare time in the sloyd room. In athletics he plays all sports, but football is his favorite.

He plans to finish high school and then study mechanical engineering at Northeastern University.

## Special Band Concert Notice

So many friends of our School are deeply interested in our school Band that we proudly announce that the annual spring concert of the Band will take place on Sunday, April 24, in Faneuil Hall, Boston. The concert will begin at two o'clock.

Those who have attended these concerts have had an enjoyable afternoon. This year we hope that more and more of our readers will make this a "Must" on their engagement calendar. We would be happy to have the largest audience ever.

The purpose of the concert is to give the Band an opportunity to show what has been accomplished in music study during the winter months. The boys will please you by their versatility in presenting a wide variety of compositions, all of which have been carefully studied and rehearsed.

The Band will participate in the regional and New England school music festivals in May, and the expenses of these festivals and this Faneuil Hall concert are being met by small contributions from our friends. Perhaps you would like to help out. If so, a check mailed to the Band Fund at the School will be much appreciated and promptly acknowledged.

Please keep in mind the announcement of this annual concert. No further invitation is necessary. May we see you at Faneuil Hall?

### The Boston Farm School Offering

Fourteenth in a series of articles reprinted from paper titled as above, Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1859.

#### THE SEA

I would live by the Sea,—the deep, deep Sea;  
For when the Storm King bends his bow,  
And the high-bounding wave  
Leaps madly 'gainst the shore,—its crest  
Now towering, now falling at my feet,  
In such majestic grandeur,—  
In it I read the might and majesty of God;  
For this I would live by the Sea.

But when the winds breathe soft and low,  
Or when they breathe not, and the waves  
Walk softly, they bring to my charmed ear  
Tones of such melody, my rapt spirit  
Fain believes them stray notes from

#### Paradise,

Which bring holy thoughts, pure hopes,  
And my warring passions lull to peace.  
From this I read that God is love;  
For this I would live by the Sea.

V. B. S.

### Basketball

The four teams in the Sears League play every Tuesday night. I am center on the Panthers. The final game of the season decided the championship, and was played between the Panthers and the Wolverines. It was a very close game, and the Wolverines won.

Edward M. Walker

### Nut League

This year I was elected one of the four captains in the Nut League. Each team played a game weekly for nine weeks. I had a good team, and we were undefeated. When the engraving is done on the Nut League cup it will say "1955 champs, Coconuts." The cup is kept with the other trophies so we can see it whenever we want to in the years to come.

Harold S. Spurling

### Making a Card File

One day our teacher asked if someone would volunteer to make a box for a card file for the Teen Age Book Club, so I took on the job. I got the wood from our sloyd instructor and planed it to size. Then I drilled holes and nailed it together. I set the nails and filled the holes with sawdust and glue. On the next day I scraped away the excess filling, sanded the box and oiled it. Then I shellacked it. A day later it was ready for the classroom.

Robert H. Grignon

### My Experience

I have been here for three and a half years, and I like the School very much. I have learned to play softball, tennis, football, basketball and other sports. My hobby is stamp collecting, and I have almost 2,000 stamps. I am in the ninth grade, and work on the farm, a job which I like very much.

Richard B. Pulsifer

### The Easter Concert

Our religious services at Christmas and Easter have long been famed as truly outstanding, and this year the Easter concert ranked well with the best which our academic department has produced. A cast of five sophomores presented the Easter play, "Thy Son Liveth," by Maryann Manly. The play was deeply spiritual and told of the attitudes and beliefs of the people of Judea in the year 50 A. D. The religious theme strengthens and helps in times of tragedy, which almost all of us encounter at some time. Throughout the play one could sense the development and retention of the deep faith upon which Christianity is based. The cast did an admirable piece of work and the play brought the Easter message to us in a beautiful and thoughtful manner.

Albert E. Merrill conducted the worship service and Thomas J. Angelos gave an Easter poem. The choir sang two selections, both of which have grown to be traditional Easter hymns.

The program, and the names of those taking part, follows:

#### PROGRAM

Hymn—Crown Him With Many Crowns  
Congregation

Poem—Ring Happy Bells!  
Thomas J. Angelos

Scripture Reading and Prayer  
Albert E. Merrill

Selection Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
Choir

The Easter Play—Thy Son Liveth

Selection He Lives!  
Choir

Hymn—Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
Congregation

### "THY SON LIVETH"

A Religious Play by Maryann Manly

Scene—A room in the house of a Sadducee

Place—A city in Judea

Time—About 50 A. D.

#### THE CAST

Azel, the Sadducee

Carleton G. Skinner

Gaius, the Greek Physician

Loren E. Cain

Zacchaeus, the Wayfarer

Steven R. Wellington

Hannah, the Woman

Albert K. Ellis

The Boy, Son of Azel

Basil T. Veglas

#### Assisting in the Production

John E. Lennon

Arthur A. Sprague

#### CHOIR ROSTER

Willard J. Boulter

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Kenneth D. Ford

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Walter E. Grignon, Jr.

Edward M. Walker

George E. Hodson

Harold L. Spurling

William H. Horn

Thomas J. Walker

Richard L. Sawyer

Malcolm E. Cameron, Jr.

### A Little History

A most interesting period in Benjamin Franklin's life was when he drew up a plan for a Union of the Colonies. It was argued many times in debates, and many difficulties were finally overcome before his plan was unanimously agreed upon. But when copies of it were sent to the provinces it was not adopted. So another plan was conceived whereby the colonies were to meet and order the raising of troops, building of forts, and to draw on the treasury of Great Britain for the expense, which was afterwards to be refunded by an act of Parliament taxing America.

Richard T. Castonguay

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

### Editorial

Rotary the world over is a way of life based on the motto "Service Above Self." The total good which has been accomplished through this international organization is far beyond any possible tabulation. This is the fiftieth anniversary of Rotary and a special commemorative stamp is on sale at all U. S. Post Offices. There are also commemoratives issued by several other countries.

Several years ago an industrial leader in Chicago gave up a \$30,000.00-a-year salary to take over the management of a large corporation which was bankrupt. The story is a dramatic one but in brief he saved the company and within three years it was prosperous and paying substantial dividends. His first move was to apply his Sunday School teaching mode of life to the business. Specifically he turned to the Book of Jeremiah and found the answer. He jotted down the four rules found in this Book and injected the plan into his organization in every department.

The four rules he called the Four Way Test and these rules are:

*Is it the truth?*

*Is it fair to all concerned?*

*Will it build good will and better friendships?*

*Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

This *Four Way Test* has become universal in Rotary and it has been officially brought into many of the States' high schools in America.

The man who first codified and put into business practice this *Four Way Test* is the well known industrialist, philanthropist and churchman, Herbert Taylor, of Chicago. He is currently President of Rotary International.

### Topics in Brief

An interesting project has been completed by our sixth graders, that of the study of rhyme and meter in poetry. Many original poems were written by the youngsters, and some of these are printed elsewhere in this issue. We hope that this "Poet's Corner" may become an occasional feature of the BEACON.

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed on March 13, when a group of over fifty entertainers from Brockton gave us a two hour program of fun and frolic. We wish we could list the names of those in the cast, but such is not possible. The group, representing a veterans' organization, gave a well balanced program of music, songs, dancing, stories and sketches. We appreciate very much their coming to us with this fine entertainment.

The annual Easter Concert was given on Thursday evening, March 31. A religious play, "Thy Son Liveth," was enacted by a cast of five and special music was furnished by a choir of sixteen voices. All of those taking part did a fine job and deserve commendation for their excellent work.

Our boat, the PILGRIM III, was out of service for a few days this month because of engine trouble. Our transportation needs were met by the friendly cooperation of our Spectacle Island neighbors and a commercial boat chartered for our use.

Our School Band played a concert for the Engineers Blue Room Club at Brown Hall in The New England Conservatory of Music building on the evening of March 12. This Masonic group has arranged for our boys to play for them annually for many years, and these are always happy occasions. The boys enjoyed a fine dinner

and an excellent entertainment. As its part in the evening's program the Band played an hour's concert, of varied band compositions which were well received.

Several members of the Engineers Club are alumni of our school, and we were glad to meet them once again. Howard B. Ellis, '98 directed the band in a favorite composition and spoke briefly about the work of the School.

The basketball season ended on March 21 when two class teams played the windup game of what was a very fine season. The last varsity game was played on March 19, and was a victory for our boys. The Sears League championship was won by the Wolverines, captained by Loren E. Cain. Harold S. Spurling led an undefeated Nut League team to the season's victory in that league.

Paul Parker and Steven Wellington led the varsity in scoring. High scorers in the Sears league included Stanton Pearson, Loren Cain and Gary Schoonmaker. The leading scorers in the Nut League were Michael Tervo, John Krzyzanowski, and Harold Spurling.

The annual foul shooting contests were won by Steven R. Wellington, varsity group; Daniel W. Dockham, Sears League, and William H. Horn, Nut League.

Final term examinations for the winter term were given during the week of March 21. The spring vacation week will begin on Monday, April 4.

Ten of the boys attended the annual Sugar Party of The Vermont Association of Boston, at New England Mutual Hall, on March 26. The boys helped by waiting on tables, and then enjoyed maple syrup on snow, a taste treat if there ever was one. Our boys have had a part in this annual

party for more than thirty years, and it is always a pleasant event.

We hatched 1097 chickens this spring, the final hatch being on March 28. A total of 1293 eggs were set and 82 tested out, leaving 1211 eggs of which 1097 hatched, giving us the excellent percentage of 84% hatched. Our Petersime incubator was a source of much interest to many of the boys who watched this important phase of our poultry work. With more than a thousand baby chicks, our brooder house is a busy place these days.

Our paint shop has finished painting the basement rooms in Bowditch House, and is currently at work doing the exterior window trim on Dormitory C.

### Skinning a Deer

Last fall two of the instructors went on a hunting trip and brought back two deer and a fox. When they skinned the animals I helped. First we started at the legs and worked toward the head. We were very careful and it took us about an hour to do the job. The skins were sent in town to be processed into gloves.

Richard B. Ayers

### Nut League Basketball

We had a Nut League game today and our team played the best it has all season. Soon we will have a foul shooting contest. This will finish the season and we will get started on baseball.

James L. Fennessy

### Sixth Grade Poet's Corner

#### The Robin

I have seen a robin's vest

While he was perched upon his nest,

I hope he gets a lot of rest

So he will look his very best.

Gregory F. Ford

#### Rebirth

Winter now has come and gone,

It is time for Spring,

The swell, sweet time

For little birds to sing.

The flowers will come out again,

The trees will bud their best,

Sheltering the secret

Built by Robin Red Breast.

Charles J. Brooks

#### The Robin

I have seen a robin's breast

As he was flying from the west.

He had a worm tucked in his bill,

To feed his babies to the fill.

He taught his babies how to fly

One baby fell and began to cry.

Willard J. Boulter

#### A Little Robin

Little robin red breast

You look sweet upon your nest.

With three eggs all blue,

Your vest was pretty when you flew.

George E. Hodson

#### Spring Beauty

Daisies in the meadow white;

Tulips in the garden bright;

Mother Nature at her best

Everywhere from East to West.

In the springtime by the brook,

Nature is in every nook,—

She puts upon the earth a vest

Of eternal beauty at its best.

Christopher A. Routenberg

#### The Kite

The farmer's boy likes to fly his kite,

Up in the sky where it's blue and bright.

He must stop his fun when there's work  
to do,

But he's back again when his work is  
through.

Phillip G. Johnston

**Honor Roll — Fall Term***The highest academic averages in each class group***Sophomore Class**

Richard T. Castonguay  
Albert E. Merrill

**Freshman Class**

James P. LaGrassa  
Larry E. Garside

**Eighth Grade Division A**

Michael Tervo  
Robert H. Grignon

**Eighth Grade Division B**

James A. Clough  
Joseph S. Lombardo  
Thomas C. Cronin

**Seventh Grade**

Kenneth D. Ford  
Walter E. Grignon, Jr.

**Sixth Grade**

Ronald L. Zisk  
George E. Hodson  
Christopher A. Routenberg

**Best Citizenship***"A" Rank general conduct and effort in each class group***Sophomore Class**

Thomas Angelos  
Gerald L. Briggs  
Loren E. Cain

**Freshman Class**

Richard T. Castonguay  
Albert K. Ellis  
William F. James  
John E. Lennon  
Albert E. Merrill  
Paul E. Parker  
Carleton G. Skinner  
Arthur A. Sprague  
Steven R. Wellington

**Freshman Class**

Larry E. Garside  
Alexander D. Marinakis  
Howard E. Murphy, II  
Stanton E. Pearson  
Eighth Grade Division A  
Robert H. Grignon

**Eighth Grade Division B**

Donald J. Oke  
Ronald A. Oke  
James A. Clough

**Seventh Grade**

Richard L. Sawyer

**Sixth Grade**

William J. Boulter  
Gregory F. Ford  
George E. Hodson  
John Park

**Stamp Collecting**

Stamp collecting is one of the most popular hobbies with many boys at F. T. S. Famous people the world over also collect stamps, and former President Roosevelt had a wonderful collection. He once said, "A stamp collection makes a person a better citizen." We all know that every country issues stamps, and every stamp represents some item of history. Stamp collecting also teaches geography. Some stamps are very valuable and collectors are always on the watch for them. At the School we get most of our stamps by trading duplicates.

John S. Krzyzanowski

**Sewing Room**

Every morning after breakfast I report to the sewing room in the main building. First I empty the waste baskets in the incinerator near the power house. Then I do dormitory work. When this is finished I help in the sewing room. All of the boys' clothes come to the sewing room from the laundry. We mend and sort, and deliver the clothes to the dormitories.

Kenneth D. Ford

—A foolish man may be known by six things: Anger without cause, speech without profit, change without progress, inquiry without object, putting trust in a stranger, and mistaking foes for friends.

*Selected*

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An excellent photograph appeared in the Nashville "Banner" of Monday, February 7, depicting FRANKLIN S. HARRIS, '40, at work in the laboratory of the Hermitage Feed Mills. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and is a nutritionist. He is married and he and Mrs. Harris live at 303 East Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge, Tenn.

GEORGE D. RUSSELL, '24, served sixteen years in the U. S. Army. He retired a chief warrant officer in 1947. He and his wife are now living in Meredith, N. H.

JOHN R. MASON, '51, and Mrs. Mason are proudly announcing the arrival of a daughter, Linda, on January 26, 1955. John is in the U. S. Navy, and has seen considerable duty in Atlantic waters. Now that Linda is at home he hopes that his Navy duties will not take him too far afield from Boston. The Mason home is at 299 Cross Street, Malden, Mass.

MURDOCK C. MOORE, '39, is one of our many graduates who has done well in the printing trade. After service in the merchant marine as a wartime radio operator he and Mrs. Moore went to Maumee, Ohio. Here Mr. Moore entered the printing business, and he has been in the same shop now for several years. He sends us occasional samples of his work. The Moore family lives at 105 Conant Street, in Maumee.

Since reading in a recent issue news of his schoolmate ALGINE B. STEELE, '95, HOWARD B. ELLIS, '98 took a trip to North Reading and had a pleasant visit with Mr. Steele. Old times were discussed at length and both enjoyed every

minute of their get-together. Although six decades have passed since these "old timers" were at Thompson's Island, both have retained a close, warm interest in the School through the years.

JOHN J. GOODHUE, '21, we note, has expanded his flourishing boat building and repair facilities on Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H. For many years he was located near Boston but decided to return to his home locality, where the Goodhues have long been noted for all types of boat service. His address is Gilford, N. H.

LESLIE R. JONES, '06, has had a notable career as a newspaper photographer with the Boston Herald. We note his excellent work almost from day to day. Mr. Jones has many pleasant memories of his many years in newspaper work, but none approach those of his association, as a cameraman, with the Boston Red Sox, in 1946, when the Sox were league champions.

REV. THEODORE B. HADLEY, '21 is as busy as ever as pastor of two churches in southern New Hampshire. He is most ably assisted by his lovely wife. The Hadleys, who live in Hampstead, N. H. have long hoped to visit F. T. S. but have been forced to postpone this trip because of the pressure of church work.

LUKE W. HALFYARD, '21, has for many years been chief engineer of Ferdinands, the large Roxbury department store. He is recuperating at present from a period of ill health and we are glad to say that he appears to be in practically tip top condition once again. The Halfyards live at 59 Morgan Street, Melrose, Mass.